

Welcome To The Church of the Saviour

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*Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. A word about our music, we switch between 2 hymnals. BB is our Breaking Bread Hymnal. All other hymns come from our 1982 hymnal. Regarding Communion: Everyone is welcome at the Communion Altar. You are welcome to receive the bread, a sip of wine from the chalice or "intinct" by gently placing the top portion of the host into the cup of wine. If you prefer not to receive, please feel free to ask our clergy for a **special blessing** while you are at the communion rail.*

Please feel free to ask our ushers any questions you may have about today's service and please, please join us for some refreshments in our Parish Hall immediately following this morning's Service. Again, welcome!

The Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Announcements and Welcome

Processional: BB 598 Christ Be Our Light!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect of Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria S-280 (*Celebrant and People*)

1. **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**
2. **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**
3. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**
4. **you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**
5. **you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**
6. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**
7. **you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*Please be seated*)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Our appointed psalm is Psalm 98. We will read responsively at the half verse marked by the asterisk.

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A reading from the first letter of John (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Hymn 488 Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart (verses 1,2)

The Gospel (*Please stand*)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15: 9-17)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Gradual: Hymn 488 Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart (verse 3)

The Homily

The Rev. Jim Petroccione

Silence kept.

THE PRAYERS

Prayers of the People for Easter

The Leader and People pray responsively. Response is bolded.

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings that God showers upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this community God has created for us, For our families, our friendships and our pets. Let us give thanks to the God of Grace.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Carlye our Bishop; Jim our Priest; Ken our Deacon; Jared our Minister of Music; Eileen our Parish Administrator; Diana and Jayne our Directors of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries; Rhonda and Matt our Wardens; the Church Leadership Team that serves our parish; and for the many lay people who serve the church. Holy Spirit, Water of Life, flow through our hearts and into our lives.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the ministries of all the baptized that the Risen Christ may kindle each of our hearts and guide our lives in faith and active service. Teach us Lord how to use our lives to share the Good News of Easter.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Guide us Oh Lord to be a people of the Resurrection never forgetting the importance of seeking out our neighbors, and striving to find new ways to respect the dignity of every human being.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick and for those who are serving in our Armed Forces. Let us pray for those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died; That the hope born of Easter may give them peace.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially for those in our cycle of prayer, and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for those in our parish in need of healing: Eunice Sage, Doris Marsland, Del Leatherberry, Jon-Luc Bourget, Wesley Haag, Terry Bourget, Joel Murphy, Kathy Devonmille, Gail Deckenbach, Sue Bennett, and Diana Langevin

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

The congregation is invited to offer special intentions either silently or aloud.

A time of silence follows.

Leader Gracious God, we, your people living our lives of faith as a community here at the Church of the Saviour, give you thanks and praise for your work among us, generation to generation. Direct us, your disciples, in our discernment so our faith may increase and our works may glorify your name and be for this world a people of the Resurrection. Yes Lord, bless us that we may be a blessing.

Risen Lord of Easter joy,

People **Hear our Prayer.**

Silence

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people: and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution will resume after the Easter season.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory: Choir Anthem

Doxology

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, by your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, by your goodness we have this wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction and the Silence

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei *Celebrant and People*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion: BB 336 Behold the Lamb

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional: Hymn 400 All Creatures of Our God and King

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Please join us after service for “Cinco de Mayo” coffee hour, a time of fellowship.

Those Serving in Today’s Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Jim Petroccione
Deacon: The Rev. Ken Boccino
Music Director: Jared Badalamenti
Lay Reader: Joe Hodgkins
Intercessor/Chalicer: Chick Gigerian
Production: Scott Bennett

Altar Guild: Barbara Grasso & Emily Svenson
Greeters Jenn Smith & Kathy Damian
Counters: Kristin & Matt Laccetti
Ushers: Bob Birney
Coffee Hour Host: Jean Crumby & Vestry

Those Serving Next Sunday, May 12, 2024

Lay Reader: Andy Cavaliere
Intercessor/Chalicer: Mark Harrison
Production: Steve Smith
Altar Guild: Cathy Jensen & Jenn Smith

Greeters: Scott Bennett & Laura Carpenter
Counters: Andy & Marie Cavaliere
Ushers: TBD
Coffee Hour Host: The Bieger Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vendor Fair & Antique Show Volunteers are needed.** Please check your emails for a Signup Genius Invite.
- **Volunteers are needed to be church health responders** Sign up in the Narthex or email the office. Training will be provided for anyone without a current (within 2 yrs) First Aid/CPR/AED certification.
- **New or Gently Used Items Are Needed for the Canterbury Table at the upcoming Vendor Fair.** There will be a bin in the breezeway to place your items into.
- **Altar Flowers are available for May 12 and June 23.** If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please fill out a form in the Narthex and mark your date on the calendar.
- **Two hosts are needed for Adult Christian Breakfast at 9 am, and the Coffee Hour on May 19, and two people are needed for coffee hour on May 26.** Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Mary Ellen Warner prior to your host date to pick up a Shoprite gift card if needed.
- **The Parish Directory will be updated soon:** Is your contact information listed or needs to be updated? Would you like to add your birthday or anniversary? Please email the office.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for our families in our cycle of prayer:

Joseph & Ann Hodgkins
Marilyn Hogan

We pray for our parishioners in need of healing:

Eunice Sage, Doris Marsland, Del Leatherberry, Jon-Luc Bourget, Wesley Haag, Terry Bourget, Joel Murphy, Kathy Devonmille, Gail Deckenbach, Sue Bennett, and Diana Langevin

We ask that you keep our family and friends in need of healing in your prayers:

Michael Sullivan, Mike Scanniello, Dereck Long, Carl Fazio, Crystal Perry, Barbara Lauterbach, Amelia, Kristi Kiick, Kathy Scanniello, Lois Tidey, Jane B, Rich Cortese, Brian Alexander, and Rusty

We ask that you keep those in the armed forces in your prayers: Matthew Laccetti, USMC Reserve



CALENDAR*

May 6 to 10 The office will be closed

May 6 Hall Rental 6 pm – Mary Kay

May 8

- **Got Faith Word Celebration** at COTS 7 pm
- Hall Rental – Line Dancing, 7:15 pm

May 9 Choir Practice, 7 pm

May 11 *Vendor Fair 10 am to 3 pm & Antique Appraisals Show 11 am*

May 12 Mother's Day

- **8 am Holy Eucharist, said Service, Chapel**
- **10 am Holy Eucharist Service with Choir**
- **10 am Sunday School, & J2A/Youth**
- **11 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship**

May 15 Hall Rental – Line Dancing, 7:15 pm

May 16 Choir Practice, 7 pm

May 18 Preakness, 5:30 pm

May 19 Pentecost – Wear red!

- **8 am Holy Eucharist, said Service, Chapel**
- **10 am Holy Eucharist Service with Choir**
- **10 am Sunday School, & J2A/Youth**
- **11 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship**

May 20 Leadership Team meeting, 5:30 pm

May 22

- **Got Faith Word Celebration** at St. Peter's 7 pm
- Hall Rental – Line Dancing, 7:15 pm

May 23 Choir Practice, 7 pm

May 26 Memorial Day Weekend

- **8 am Holy Eucharist, said Service, Chapel**
- **10 am Holy Eucharist Service with Choir**
- **11 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship**

May 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed

May 28

- **Faith Kitchen Ministry** Dover at 11 am
- **St. Martha's Guild meeting**, 7 pm

May 29

- **Got Faith Holy Eucharist & Agape** at St. Peter's 7 pm
- Hall Rental – Line Dancing, 7:15 pm

May 30 Choir Practice, 7 pm

May 31 Hall Rental – 4 to 10 pm

* **ONGOING: Centering Prayer**, a silent contemplative prayer meets via Zoom Monday through Friday at 7:30 am for a half hour.

SAVE THE DATES

Jun 8 Belmont Stakes

Jun 9 Parish Picnic