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The Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER SUNDAY w/Confirmation

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary

Toccata in C

Johann Pachelbel

Processional Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Hymn 207

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for/ he is /good; *
his /mercy endures for /ever.
- 2 Let Israel /now pro/claim, *
"His /mercy endures for/ ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength /and my /song, *
and he has be/come my salva/tion.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation /and victo/ry *
in the /tents of the righ/teous:
- 16 "The right hand of the/ Lord has/ triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right /hand of the Lord has/ triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not/ die, but/ live, *
and de/clare the works of the /Lord.
- 18 The Lord has/ punished me /sorely, *
but he did not /hand me over to /death.
- 19 Open for me the /gates of /righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will /offer thanks to the /Lord.
- 20 "This is the /gate of the /Lord; *
he who is /righteous may en/ter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you/ answered /me *
and have be/come my salva/tion.
- 22 The same stone which the /builders re/jected *
has be/come the chief corner/stone.
- 23 This is the /Lord's /doing, *
and it is /marvelous in our/ eyes.
- 24 On this day the /Lord has /acted; *
we will re/joice and be glad in /it.

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to

all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Hymn 178

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (20:1-18).

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

seated

The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, Bishop

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter: ***I present this person for Confirmation.***

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: ***I do.***

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: *I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.*

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: *We will.*

Bishop: Let us join with the one who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *standing*

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you have made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands on the Candidate

The Peace *Standing*

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. Our loose offering this morning goes to Bishop Mark's discretionary fund. Please make checks payable to "The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia" with "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line.

Offertory Anthem

"Anthem for Easter Sunday"

Gaudeamus Paritur
setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

The Doxology:

Lasst uns erfreuen

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer B

Standing

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up our hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant 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

Hymnal S 125

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Hymnal S 138

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

Fraction Anthem (sung in unison)

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Breaking of Bread

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant *Let us keep the feast* 1 Corinthians 5, Psalm 118

Communion Hymn "Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary" Hymn 190

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people, standing or kneeling

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy
mysteries
that we are living members of the Body
of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Bishop: Easter Blessing

Recessional Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!" Hymn 210

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Healey Willan

***All are invited to attend a Reception in Honor of Bishop Bourlakas and
our Confirmand following the service in the Undercroft.***

Please pray for Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, Celia, Timmy and Baylie.

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Christ, Martinsville. Pray for the people of Christ, Martinsville, and their Rector, The Rev. John Adams. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Bible Studies and Wednesday Eucharist

Our Sunday morning study (9:30 in the Parish House) is taking Easter (March 31) off. Our Monday night study (7:00 in the Parish House) will not meet April 1. The Wednesday Noon Eucharist in the Chapel is on hiatus beginning March 20; we will resume on April 10.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **March: Dish detergent. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

Sunday Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study (which meets at 9:30 in the Parish House) resumes on April 7. We will begin considering the story of David, the musical shepherd who became the most celebrated King of Israel. In reading through much of the Books of Samuel, we will reflect on how David is both an exemplar and a cautionary tale. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as your presence allows; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas

Reader: Wil Zimmer

Chalicers: Dawn Stone, John Swezey

Acolyte: Elizabeth Maxwell

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

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Easter Sunday Special Flowers 2024*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William R. & Virginia S. Windle and Dr. Thomas C. & Margaret W. Webster by Tom, Stuart, Win, Jessica, Evans, and Clay Webster.

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The Columbarium Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Joseph J. & Joy Johnson and Charles Johnson by the family and in Loving Memory of Jimmy L. Rosser, Kathryn & Carlton Woolridge, John C. Woolridge, Jr., Ann W. Spencer, and Ronnie Wagoner by the Family.

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

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My brother David and friend Ronnie Wagoner by Linda O'Dell

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glenn	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillippi
The Altar Guild	Deborah Searce
Mark Niblett	Ben Beeler
Joe and Kathryn Piasta	Will and John Piasta
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For my many blessings by Virginia Huckfeldt	Edward and Gail Acock
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Six Grandchildren & Three Great-Grandchildren of Betsy Cole

Our children Philip and Elizabeth, and
grandchildren Grace Isley and Walker & Holt Riley by Linda & Ran Isley

Jimmy Searce, Kristin Searce, and Dorothy Clark

My CEC friends and family, by Deborah Searce

Our past, present, and future spiritual leaders in our Diocese and Virginia
by Mary Ruth Reynolds

Scouras children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Celia Scouras

***A special thank you to the Altar Guild Special Flower Committee for their
continued help in making our Church beautiful.***