

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non-Traditional Eucharist
April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

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We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.

We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native siblings as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



Opening Song: This is the Day (Sung 2x)

Art: [pexels.com](https://www.pexels.com) by James Wheeler

This is the Day, this is the Day
 That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it
 This is the day that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day, this is the day
 That the Lord has made!



Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

Response: Let us bless God!

Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Response: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect *from Common Prayer for Children and Families*

Art: pixabay.com

Through Jesus, God's love claimed victory over death, and opened for us the gate of new life forever. Lead us, risen Christ, into the mystery of Easter and fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can join you in building your kin-dom of justice and love. Amen!



First Reading, Psalm 18 *from Psalms for Young Children*

Art: pexels.com

Reader (Lector): Please respond with the words in **bold**.

God is like a rock,

strong and powerful.

God is like a warm, dry place

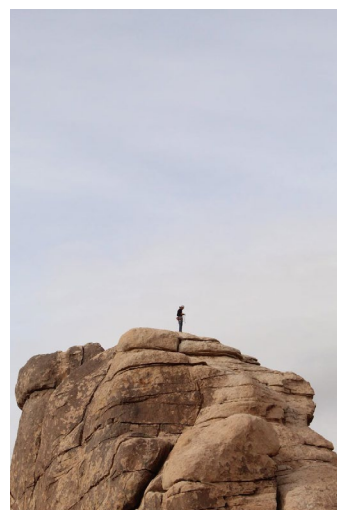
during a storm.

God protects me from

things that might hurt me.

When I ask for God's help,

I feel safe.



Song: "Amen, Amen!" *Traditional spiritual adapted by John F. Wilson, 1970*
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AMEN, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN, AMEN

See the little baby,
 Lying in the manger'
 On Christmas morning

Jesus at the seashore
 Preaching to the people
 Healing all the sick ones
 Jesus in the garden
 praying to the Holy One
 in deepest sorrow

Jesus died to save us
 Jesus rose on Easter
 Jesus lives forever!"

Hallelujah!
 Jesus is my savior
 For Jesus lives forever



Gospel Reading, Matthew 28:1-10

Art: Jesus Mafa Collection

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Three days after Jesus was killed, two of Jesus' followers, Mary Magdalene and Mary, went to the tomb where Jesus was buried

very early in the morning. The flowers in the garden smelled sweet, but the followers were too sad to notice.

A strong earthquake shook the ground, and the followers saw an angel from heaven. The angel moved the giant stone away from the entrance to the tomb and sat on it. The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, but he isn’t here! Jesus is alive!”



The angel said, “I have come to tell you to go to the rest of Jesus’ followers. Tell them that Jesus has risen to life.” Mary Magdalene and Mary were excited, scared, and happy to hear the angel. They ran down the garden path to tell the disciples. Suddenly, the women ran into Jesus. Mary Magdalene and Mary kneeled down to worship Jesus. Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. Go to the rest of my followers and tell them to meet me in Galilee.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily/ Sharing Time

Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...



For the sick and poor...
For ourselves...

Special Blessings/ Prayers (*do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?*)

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

- Special Easter Cross Craft during Family Group

Offertory Music (*the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed*)

Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth "our island home." You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why

we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God's church. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time

of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer) – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing *from Enriching our Worship 1*

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Song: We are Marching in the Light of God

We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
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We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God	We Are Moving Moving We Are Moving Oooooo
We Are Marching Marching	We Are Living Living We Are Living Oooooo	We Are Moving In The Power Of God
We Are Marching Oooooo We Are Marching In The Light Of God	We Are Living In The Love Of God We Are Living Living	We Are Moving Moving We Are Moving Oooooo
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Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!