

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non Traditional Eucharist
April 16, 2023 Second Sunday in Easter

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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)

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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 *(adapted from Collect assigned or the day) Art: pixabay.com*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Easter mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Reading, 1 Peter 1:3-9 *adapted from Common English Bible*

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Reader (Lector): A reading from 1 Peter.

May God, the giver of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of God's vast mercy, They have given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through Their faithfulness, you are

guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation God is ready to reveal in the last time.

You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.



Reader (Lector): The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: I have Decided (#136, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

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1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

2. Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
 Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
 Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
 No turning back, no turning back.

3. The world behind me, the cross
 before me,
 The world behind me, the cross
 before me;
 The world behind me, the cross
 before me;
 No turning back, no turning back.



Gospel Reading, John 20:19-31

Art: Jesus Mafa collection

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The disciples were hiding. They were afraid of getting in trouble, like Jesus did. They huddled together in the room and made sure the door was locked. Jesus appeared in the middle of the room! "Peace be with you," he said. The disciples were so happy to see Jesus. Jesus said, "God sent me, and I am sending you." Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "I am giving you the Holy Spirit." Then Jesus disappeared.

Thomas wasn't with the disciples when Jesus appeared. "We've seen Jesus!" said the other disciples. Thomas didn't believe what

the disciples told him. “I doubt it. Jesus has died. I would only believe that you saw Jesus if I saw him with my own eyes,” replied Thomas. Eight days later, the disciples- this time, Thomas was with them- were in their hiding place again. They had all the doors locked and were sitting in the room, trying to decide what to do next. All of a sudden, Jesus appeared. “Peace be with you,” said Jesus. “Thomas, don’t doubt. Believe!” “It’s you, Jesus!” exclaimed Thomas. Jesus said to Thomas, “Do you only believe because you see me? Have faith! Believe!”



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...

We pray for Iris as she prepares for
Baptism on April 30th.

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

- 4/30 Family Ministry Meeting following worship

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

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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!