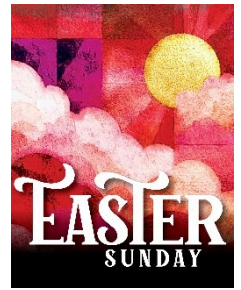




Easter Sunday
Epiphany Parish
April 5, 2026 – 8:00am
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We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

H#207 Jesus Christ is risen today!

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Collect for Purity

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

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The Gloria (spoken)

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The Collect of the Day (in unison)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: 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 First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 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 declare 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 enter."
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

H#210 The day of resurrection!

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

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Happy Easter!



The Lord is Risen!

Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament. Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.