

PARISH LIFE

Our Vision: *Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our Mission: *To share Christ's love and His Word with our community and the world through Christ-centered outreach, worship, prayer, and biblical study.*

CHRIST TOGETHER CYCLE OF PRAYER:

WNY ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP CYCLE OF PRAYER:

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

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Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, April 12, 2020 7:30, 9:15 & 11:15 am

Sacring Bell

All stand when the bell rings.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal

Introit

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Versicles, Gloria & Salutation

Easter Sunday: 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, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Introduction: This lesson presents the Gospel of the Church in its earliest pristine form. The dead Jesus is now alive! Body, soul and spirit, He walked out of His grave! But His resurrection was different from that of Lazarus whom he had raised a week earlier. Those who will rise at the Resurrection, like Christ, will share God's own spiritual nature. The second death ("the lake of fire" in Rev. 20:11-15) cannot harm them!

Acts 10:34-43: "Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all) — you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. "We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross. "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as

Judge of the living and the dead. “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24 *Confitemini Domino*

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- 15 ***The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.***
- 16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.
- 17 ***I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.***
- 22 The same stone which the builders refused has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 ***This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.***
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

Introduction: But when will Christians receive an immortal body like Jesus? The answer is given in this lesson. You will receive your new divine nature, “*when Christ, who is your life, is revealed; then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.*” At that time, as St. Peter writes, you will “*become partakers of the divine nature*” (2 Peter 1:4). This is called the first resurrection and is tied to Christ’s Return and Second Coming.

Colossians 3:1-4: “**Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.**”

HOLY GOSPEL

Introduction: THE LINEN BURIAL CLOTH (SHROUD) OF JESUS -pronounced ‘sinduown’ in the original New Testament Greek, is the only burial garment mentioned by Matthew (27:59), Mark (15:46), & Luke (23:53). St. John, in today’s reading, is the only Evangelist who mentions other “linen cloths” and a “napkin” (20:6-7) in addition to the original “Shroud” (linen cloth) of Joseph of Arimathea described by the other three Evangelists. What are these “extra” cloths? The “napkin” was a chinstrap wrapped under the jaw and tied at the head (or nape of the neck) to keep the mouth closed in death. The other “linen cloths” were roll type bandages to wrap the body after it was washed. Myrrh and aloes would be rubbed on the body like a talcum powder and then it would be wrapped in the rolled bandages. Since Jesus was taken down from the Cross quickly and wrapped immediately in the shroud, there was no time to wash His body. So the linen cloths were set aside in the tomb. The women came early Easter Day to finish the burial preparations; by washing the body, applying the talcum spices, and wrapping Him in the bandages. But when they arrived, the linen shroud and chinstrap were folded and lying next to the unused rolled bandages! He had already risen!

St. John 20:1-18: “Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because 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, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.”

Sermon Hymn Hymnal

The Sermon Fr. Ward

Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, Confession Pr Bk.pp.

Exchange of the ‘Peace,’ Announcements

Offertory 9:15am
11:15am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Week Preface (Euch. Prayer B) Pr.Bk.p.

Communion Hymn
Thanksgiving & Priest’s Blessing Pr.Bk.p.

Closing Hymn Hymnal

The Dismissal CLERGY: “Let us bless the Lord.”
PEOPLE: “Thanks be to God”

THE CALENDAR

Sun.	4/12	EASTER DAY	7:30, 9:15 & 11:15am HE
Mon.	4/13		
Tues.	4/14		
Wed.	4/15		
Thur.	4/16		
Sat.	4/18		
Sun.	4/19	8, 9:15 & 11am HE	9:15 & 11am Sunday School

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