

Church of the Messiah

Easter Day

Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord

4 April 2021

10:00 am



PRELUDE *Voluntary Op. 7 No. 9, Largo staccato - Vivace*
Stanley

OPENING HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
Trio: Dale Murphy, Sam Frenkel, Marss Senteio

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *Palm Sunday*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson *Isaiah 25:6-9a*

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm *118:1-2, 14-24*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

“His mercy endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

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

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

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

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures forever.**

Second Lesson *Acts 10:34-43*

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ANTHEM *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesus Christ (We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ)*
Buxtehude

The Gospel is introduced: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1-8*

The Gospel is concluded: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *Meaning in Mystery*, The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector, Church of the Messiah

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*The congregational response to each petition: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

Exchange of the Peace

On this glorious morning, this day of Christian joy, and for all the days that follow,
 may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Invitation to the Offering

With compassion for our needs, the Risen One stands beside each of us, calling our names.

With that same mercy, let us bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of the world and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ has risen, Alleluia* Hala tune, arr. Haywood



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere . . .

who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love . . .

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all . . .

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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion

A period of silence is kept.

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

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

Behold! Holy food! And holy drink!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sharing of Communion

COMMUNION MUSIC *Behold the Lamb* Getty &
Townsend

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Mission

Let us pray.

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

May the truth of the empty tomb – the astonishing reality of Jesus' resurrection – keep you
fearless and sure that, with Mary Magdalene, Mary and Salome, Peter and the disciples, you
too will see the Resurrected One again and again in this life, and in the age to come.

May the power of God's endless love surround you and guide you, this day and always.

And may the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –

be with you from this day forward.
Amen.

Go from this place renewed and strong, knowing that the Lord is alive, almighty and present.
 Look for the blessings that await you in the week ahead.
 Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate.
 Proclaim the Good News of hope, promise and eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Voluntary Op. 7 No. 2*
 Stanley

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS:

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."

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to those who had gathered: "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."

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from

the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

EASTER FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

- to the glory of God and our Risen Lord
- in memory of Helen M. & George F. Breisch, Robert C. Alderfer, and Martin J. Troster, by Jean Alderfer-Troster
- in memory of Erma & Steve Barlas, Charles Marsh, and loved ones, by the Marsh family
- in memory of Carol Parke and Evelyn Albrecht, by Hannah Albrecht
- in memory of Marion & Joseph McConnell, Kenneth A. & Florence Melberger, and Joan A. McConnell, by MaryJo & Ken Melberger
- in memory of Doug Cook, Dr. & Mrs. Donald C. Richards, by Ann Cook
- in memory of John Thomas Bonasera, by Bill & Cindy Palen
- in memory of Roy Beaver and Jane Bowen, by Shirley Bowen
- in memory of Michael R. Duffield and Herbert L. Duffield, by Bob & Lee Duffield
- in memory of F. Lee Mangan, by his wife, Lynn, and children, Sarah, Tom & Laura
- in memory of James R. Adair and William Wallace, by Catherine Wallace
- in memory of Kitty Vernon Lapp, David Donahower and Bubbie Clayton, by Chris & Chuck Clayton
- in memory of Herman Benninghoff, by Joan Benninghoff
- in memory of Ralph & Louise Sargent, Bill & Iris Repp, by Cheryl & Hugh Sargent
- in memory of J. David & Grace Sprouse, by John Sprouse
- in memory of Edward Clark Zelner, Edward & Theodosia Zelner, Anna & Elwood Lewis, Carol Dormuth, and Louise Lewis, by Marie Ann Zelner
- in memory of Albert R. Subers, by Emmy Subers
- in memory of Charles E. Marsh, George & Mollie Barlow, by Renee Marsh
- in memory of Richard Patram, Trish McCloskey, and Roberta Poole, by the Patram family
- in memory of the Robinson & Murray families, by Jane & John Murray
- in memory of John & Janette Potcner and Jane Vogel, by Mark & Jayne Wicklund
- in memory of family and friends, by Patti Saunders
- in memory of Jane Borowiec, Edward Wozniak and Diane Deans, by the Biehl family
- in memory of Alan & Virginia Watson, by Craig Watson
- in memory of the Jacobs and Winninger families, by Bill Jacobs
- in memory of Kathryn Cummings, Darwin Cummings and Holly Cummings Konoza, by Cathy Damico
- in memory of John R. Vollmar, Gilbert J. Negrete Sr. and Gilbert J. Negrete Jr., by Rose & Paul Vollmar
- in memory of Sandy Mellish, by Dennis Mellish
- in memory of Dr. R. Dale Stevenson, by Barbara Stevenson and family
- in memory of Glenn William Madison, Elizabeth & Richard Cross, by the Madison family
- in memory of the Althouse and Piper families, by Marsha Althouse
- in memory of Marlene Prutzman and Candy Ashmun, by Jennifer & Jeff Christman
- in memory of Andrew Jones, by Lyn & Gloria Jones

- in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert E Schneider Sr and Mr. & Mrs. Albert E Schneider Jr., by Brian & Kelly Schneider
- in memory of family and loved ones, by Chuck & Lieu Barrett
- in memory of Susan Thatcher and The Rev Vincent Liddle, by Dick Thatcher
- in memory of loved ones, by Stephen & Shirley Wacyk
- in memory of Idelle Rogenmusser, by Charlotte Rogenmusser
- in memory of so many loved ones, by Antoinette C. Uffner
- in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Robinson, Thomas Yeakle and Dorothy Briggs, by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Robinson
- in memory of David S. Snyder, Mary B. Smith and Geiger M. Sith, by Judy & Jim Snyder
- in memory of Al Frenkel, Jack Segal and Charlie Senteio, by Sam Frenkel and Marss Senteio
- in memory of the Hubbard family, Daniel Gillespie, Thomas Gillespie, Mary & Robert Estelle, by Winifred Gillespie
- in memory of Frank H. Smoker Jr. and Adam Drumm, by Barbara Harvey
- in memory of Linda G. Marsh, by Richard March
- in memory of Paul & Fairinda Atkinson, by Dale Murphy

BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

* Brayden MacMinn * Eric Knowles * Isaiah DiMauro * Ethan Douse *
* Sophia Maida * Cathie Pickell * Tabitha Biehl *

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY: Weekly Sunday worship will be held in-person beginning next week. One service: 9:30am. As you feel comfortable, please JOIN US!

MULTIPLE WAYS TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP: Thanks to the wonders of modern technology and the hard work of several parishioners, we are able to offer a variety of ways to participate in Sunday services:

- **IN-PERSON** - 9:30am – COVID precautions strictly observed
- **LIVE-STREAMED** - the service will be broadcast on YouTube – follow the link posted on the church website (messiahgwynedd.org)
- **BY PHONE** – for those without computer access, dial 609-663-5164 to listen to an audio-only option on your phone
- **WEBSITE** – at the close of the service, a video will be posted to the parish website (messiahgwynedd.org) for viewing at a time convenient for you

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Offices are closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 5th and 6th. The office will reopen on Wednesday.

YOM FOOD COLLECTION FOR MANNA ON MAIN STREET: Throughout the month of April, Youth of Messiah (YOM) will be collecting food and other items for distribution by the local food pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies to the church

and place them on the back pews. On the last Sunday of the month, the YOM members will sort, pack and deliver your donations to Manna on Main Street. Thank you for your support!

SUE PHILLIPS RETIREMENT RECEPTION has been scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. Following the 9:30 Eucharist, we will gather outside for some refreshments, presentation of gifts and opportunities for you to wish her well in this new life chapter.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY: Copies of the next edition of this popular devotional for the coming quarter (May, June, July) have arrived and are available to be picked up in the narthex. Copies are free. If you are unable to pick one up in person, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWER OPEN DATES: There are several dates available for memorial altar flowers. Suggested donation amount: \$60.00. If you would like to dedicate flowers for one of these dates (listed below), please contact the rector (rector@messiahgwynedd.org; 215-699-9204).

- June 13 & June 20
- July 11 & July 18
- August 1
- October 3, October 10 & October 31
- November 21

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL MESSAGES & NOTIFICATIONS: Each week, the Rector sends an email to all parishioners with important notifications and information about parish events and other happenings. If you are not currently receiving these messages, please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the database.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS: Please contact the Church Office (215-699-9204; office@messiahgwynedd.org) so we can add you to the mailing list of those parishioners who receive hard copies of the messages and sermon by mail.

IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS: Should you have an urgent need to contact the Rector outside of Church Office hours, please use his cell phone: 215-692-2667.

SERVING MESSIAH THIS MORNING

8:00	Lector & Intercessor	Jean London
	Contact Tracing Table	Jennifer Marsh
	Ushers	Dave Prezuhy, Charles Sudlow
10:00	Lectors & Intercessor	Vicky Fogel, Sam Fogel, Lauren Marsh
	Contact Tracing Table	Barbara Stevenson, Tim Beaver
	Ushers	Brenda Weir, Michael Stinson
	Videographer	Nick Kapusta

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH: April 5-11

Monday Church Office Hours: CLOSED
Tuesday Church Office Hours: CLOSED
 AA, Alanon, Alateen – 7:30pm
Wednesday Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Thursday Church Office Hours: 9:00am–1:00pm
Friday Church Office CLOSED
Saturday Church Office CLOSED
Next Sunday **Second Sunday of Easter**
 9:30am – Holy Eucharist – *in-person worship gathering*
 10:30am - “*Virtual*” Church School lesson and activities
 5:00pm – YOM Gathering

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH STAFF

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, Rector
 Sarah Patram, Bookkeeper
 Hannah Albrecht, Organist & Choir Director
 Tiffany Reichley, Family Ministries – Children
 David Reichley, Family Ministries – Youth
 Mike Linn, Sexton

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