



The Holy Eucharist on Easter Day
11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 5, 2026
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Welcome to the Church of the Advent! If you are a guest with us, please know we are honored by your presence! We invite you to complete a guest card, which will allow us to remain in contact with you and provide you with additional information. You may place your completed card in the offering plate, or you may give it to our priest as you are leaving. On our website (www.adventks.org), you will find an up-to-date calendar of all church ministries and activities, and you may sign up to receive our weekly email. If you are interested in learning more about the Church of the Advent, the Episcopal Church, or the Christian faith, please contact our priest (Tim Johnson) by calling the church office at (610) 444-4624 or by email at rector@adventks.org. Again, welcome!

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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PRELUDE *Fanfare on Easter Hymn* Douglas E. Wagner
Advent Bell Choir

OPENING HYMN #207 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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 SECOND LESSON: I Corinthian 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Alleluia! Give Thanks

#178, vs. 1-3 in the **Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two

were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "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, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).* Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Alleluia! Give Thanks

#178, vs. 4 in the Hymnal 1982 (blue hymnal)

HOMILY

WE ADMINISTER HOLY BAPTISM

Celebrant Will the candidates now be presented
God/parents I present Will, Matthew, and Samuel to receive the Sacrament of
Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought
up in the Christian faith and life?
God/parents I will with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grown into the full stature of Christ?

God/parents I will with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

God/parents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

God/parents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

God/parents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

God/parents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

God/parents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

God/parents I do.

Candidate Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Let us join with these persons who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
All **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of
new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The priest continues with the prayer over the water.

FOLLOWING THE BAPTISM

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized!
People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE (*Please stand as you are able for the Peace.*)

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ring the Easter Bells
Advent Parish Choir with Advent Bell Choir
Leon Spencer, conducting

Martin

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DOXOLOGY *(Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.
Hymn tune from # 400 in the Hymnal 1982 – blue hymnal.)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere...
...sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(From the Hymnal 1982, S-130)

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

(You may remain standing, kneel, or be seated for the remainder of the prayer.)

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...
...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Pie Jesu* A. Lloyd-Webber
Kathy Cammett, Emily Dryden, Soloists with the Advent Parish Choir

COMMUNION HYMN *I am the Bread of Life*
#335 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Welcome, Happy Morning
#179 in **The Hymnal 1982** (blue hymnal)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Concerto for Two Trumpets and Continuo A. Vivaldi
Stan Slotter, Matt Grieco, Trumpets; Carole Lovelace, Violin

Worship Participants

Lay Reader: Dennis Glasgow

Subdeacon: Pete Peterson

Eucharistic Minister: Deb Peterson

Usher: Kim Hoeschel

Director of Music: Wilson G. Somers

Bell Choir Director: Leon Spencer

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