

# **ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 2025

8:00 AM (spoken) and 10:15 AM (with music)

Holy Eucharist – Rite II



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*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.  
Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn #178** Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation**

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**The Gloria #S278**

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen..*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:36-43)      Katharine Benziger/Ruairi O'Neill**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Reader:**            The Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23. We will read it responsively by half verse.**

***Dominus regit me***

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil,**

**and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.<sup>7</sup>**

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation (5:9-17)**

**Katharine Benziger/Jeremy Lees**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then

he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia

John Milas, AAGO, ChM

The musical score is for a two-part setting of 'Alleluia'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Soprano part (S) is on a treble clef staff, and the Tenor/Bass part (T/B) is on a bass clef staff. Both parts feature a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The score includes a first ending (1.) and a second ending (2.), both marked with repeat signs and first/second endings. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (21:1-19)

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my

hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

***Repeat the Alleluia***

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

*A period of silence is kept after the sermon*

**Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter. We pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. For those celebrating birthdays, especially **Josephine Patrone, Stephanie Flynn, Janice Kiefer, Kathy Royal, and Taylor Marcella**, and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially **Janice Cornelius and Ted Griffin, Meg and Steve Beresik, Alysia and Rick Litton, Susan and Bill Rogers**, we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world, especially in Ethiopia and Gaza, we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, especially those on our parish prayer list (**Dick Creek, Glenda, Phyllis, Anne, Clayton, Sandy McIntyre, Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barb, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sherry, Emily, Sabina, Jean Richards, and J.A. Brown**), we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day. We pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to you, O God. Christ our hope is risen.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant adds this collect*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please share the peace with those seated near you.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Christ all creatures here be - low! Al - le

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts! Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sanctus #S125**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Agnus Dei #S164**

### **The Communion of the People**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by drinking from the chalice or by intinction, which is to dip the host into the consecrated wine. It is available to all but required of none.*



**Communion Hymn #343 "Shepherd of Souls"**

*St. Agnes*

**Hymn #664 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

*Resignation*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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### **The Blessing**

**Celebrant:** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting

covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #417 This Is The Feast**

Festival Canticale

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

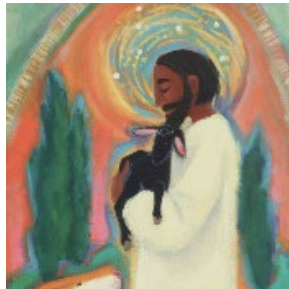
**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Postlude:** *Fugue in C Major*

Buxtehude



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Nicholas Alan's graduation from Rutgers by his Mom, Kathryn.



### **Service Participants**

*Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King*

*Verger: Clayton Smith*

*Chalice: Ted Griffin, Rick Hager*

*Acolytes: 8:00 – Dick Hewson 10:15 – Eric Canales*

*Lectors: 8:00 – Katharine Benziger 10:15 Ruairi O'Neill, Jeremy Lees*

*Altar Guild: Laurie Doran, Lois Eberhart*

*Hospitality: Steve and Meg Beresik*

**🌀 Announcements 🌀**





**Welcome our new Parish Administrator Robin Beaudry!** I am thrilled to announce that Robin has joined our staff as Parish Administrator! Robin officially began on May 1st and has quickly demonstrated how 'spot-on' her hire has been! Robin is a recently retired teacher in Hazlet schools where she was department head in Health & Physical Education for 32 years. She has a broad spectrum of experience that we will certainly make use of AND as a teacher we know she can handle the pace, stress, and unpredictability of the parish office! She is a lifelong resident of the Jersey Shore who loves boating on the bay with her family. She has two children CJ & Erin and loves spending time with them.



**BUNCO NIGHT, Friday, May 30th, 5 PM** Come on out for our third BUNCO night. This has become a favorite and fun evening. Ask anyone who has participated and they will tell you that it's easy to learn, lots of laughs, and a great way to spend time with old friends and meet new ones! Pulled pork supper will be provided. A free will basket will be available. Great for ALL ages so bring friends and family and join the fun! Speak to Linda Carduner if you have any questions. We will need at least twelve people to play. Sign-up on bulletin board.



**Celebration of Life for Les Bird** Please gather and surround Les Bird's family at a service to celebrate her life and commend this beautiful servant of God to God's eternal care. The service will be on Thursday, May 22 at 11 AM. As will come as no surprise, Les planned many aspects of the service herself. Please come to remember, celebrate, and give thanks for this wonderful woman of deep and abiding faith.

**Saturday Garden Services** **CORRECTION** will resume **May 31st** Everyone is welcome as we resume our 5:30 PM Saturday evening Holy Eucharist that will run weekly into September. This informal service in the memorial garden gives us another opportunity to appreciate the beauty of our corner of God's creation. Come worship with your toes in the grass on your way home from the beach or on your way out for the evening.

**Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th** We will celebrate the completion of the Great 50 Days of Easter with our Pentecost celebration and the end of Sunday school picnic during and following the

10:15 AM service. Wear red, orange and yellow picnic clothes and join in this festal day which is one of the primary celebrations of our annual observances. Gather the kids, family and friends. More information to follow.



**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!** Please sign up and take a turn hosting Coffee Hour. Wayne Morse has agreed to take on coordinating this vital welcome ministry. It is very easy, and there is help available in making coffee, putting out food, etc. You provide some snacks and serve as host(s). Great to do as a family or with friends.



With Lent and Easter behind us, we are looking for folks to choose a Sunday to provide flowers for our altar, either in celebration of a happy event or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to participate, there is a flower book on the table in the narthex. Choose the date you would like, fill in the information requested and the office will reach out to you early in the week chosen to ask for your dedication information. The cost for weekly flowers is \$70. If you have a special flower color request, please note this on the information sheet. "

**Standing with Christ Church, Toms River against attempted seizure of their church property.** We are joining in support of Christ Church as the Mayor and town attempt to seize their 11 acre church property through eminent domain. This is a targeted action in response to the request of the church for a variance to open a 17 bed overnight shelter for unhoused women and men. You can read articles at [Episcopalnewsservice.org](http://Episcopalnewsservice.org)

Toms River Zoning Board of Adjustment, Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM

Toms River Town Council Meeting, Wednesday, May 28 at 4 PM

Both meetings will take place at Town Hall, 33 Washington Street, Toms River in the L. Manuel Hirshblond Meeting Room

Carpools are being arranged. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

The Women's Guild Meeting will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12Noon. There will be a presentation by Pamela Jones on the Diocesan Program. Bring your lunch, beverages & dessert will be provided.