

St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016



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Sunday, March 27, 2016

9:00A.M.

EASTER DAY

PRELUDE: Canzone a la Rustica Adriano Banchieri
Brass Quartet

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

All: Hallelujah!

* HYMN 216 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Living God, we praise You for the great truth of Easter, the message that Your love will not be defeated. When human evil had done its worst, despite every effort to frustrate Your purpose, still Your will triumphed! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, Christ had risen!

May that truth fire us each day with new hope, new confidence and new enthusiasm, knowing that whatever obstacles we may face, and whatever may fight against us, there is nothing that will finally be able to thwart Your purpose, or to deny Your saving purpose, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Corinthians 15:12-20

SPECIAL MUSIC Alleluia W. A. Mozart
Brass Quartet

GOSPEL LESSON St. John 20:1-10

* HYMN 21 Let the Whole Creation Cry *Llanfair*

SERMON *AT LAST THE DAWN* Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

* HYMN 233

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY The Day of Resurrection ELLACOMBE arr. Nancy Raabe

* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

* HYMN 234

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diadameta

BENEDICTION (in unison)

Old Celtic Prayer

**Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the
Father. Let us set out therefore on a new way of life with
Christ, and may the blessing of the God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain
with us always. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Flourish
Brass Quartet

Ralph Vaughn Williams

WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS EASTER DAY

WE WISH EVERYONE HERE THIS MORNING A VERY HAPPY EASTER. Easter is God's gift to the whole of humanity.

WE EXTEND A VERY HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR TALENTED MUSICIANS: Jerry Peterson, Tony Settineri, Randy Martell, Seth Rees

OUR SANCTUARY IS ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL TODAY because of the many Easter flowers and lilies. We express our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. They may be collected on Tuesday morning for family, friends or those confined to home.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TODAY to remain for "a wee while" to enjoy a light reception which has been prepared for you.

MISSION NEWS: At our recent board meeting the following gift was approved on behalf of St. Andrew's: \$1000 to Meals on Wheels. The next Mission Committee meeting will be held on April 13, at 4 p.m. at the church.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION for April will be held next Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Your presence confirms the truth and reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

OUR NEXT CHURCH OUTING ADVENTURE will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016. We are to be heading for Doylestown, PA, to visit the famous Fonthill Castle and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works. Details in the VISIONARY and on our Bulletin Board. Cost will be \$28 plus lunch and shopping. Please sign up on the lounge piano sheet. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER/SPRING VISIONARIES. We have spare copies of this lively and colorful St. Andrew's Newsletter. Please feel free to take a few and share them around among your friends and neighbors.

PASTORAL CARE IN HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES. Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time either for yourself or someone you know. Home telephone is best: 410-893-9470.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

"The entrance fee into the Kingdom of God is nothing;
the annual subscription is all we possess."