



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

Easter Day

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Prelude

The Processional Hymn

“Welcome,” happy morning!

H 179

Welcome

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Ringling of the bells

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

H 195

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

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.*

The people may be seated.

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 Thank be to God!

The Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse

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 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thank be to God!

The people standing.

Sequence Hymn

He is risen, he is risen!

H180

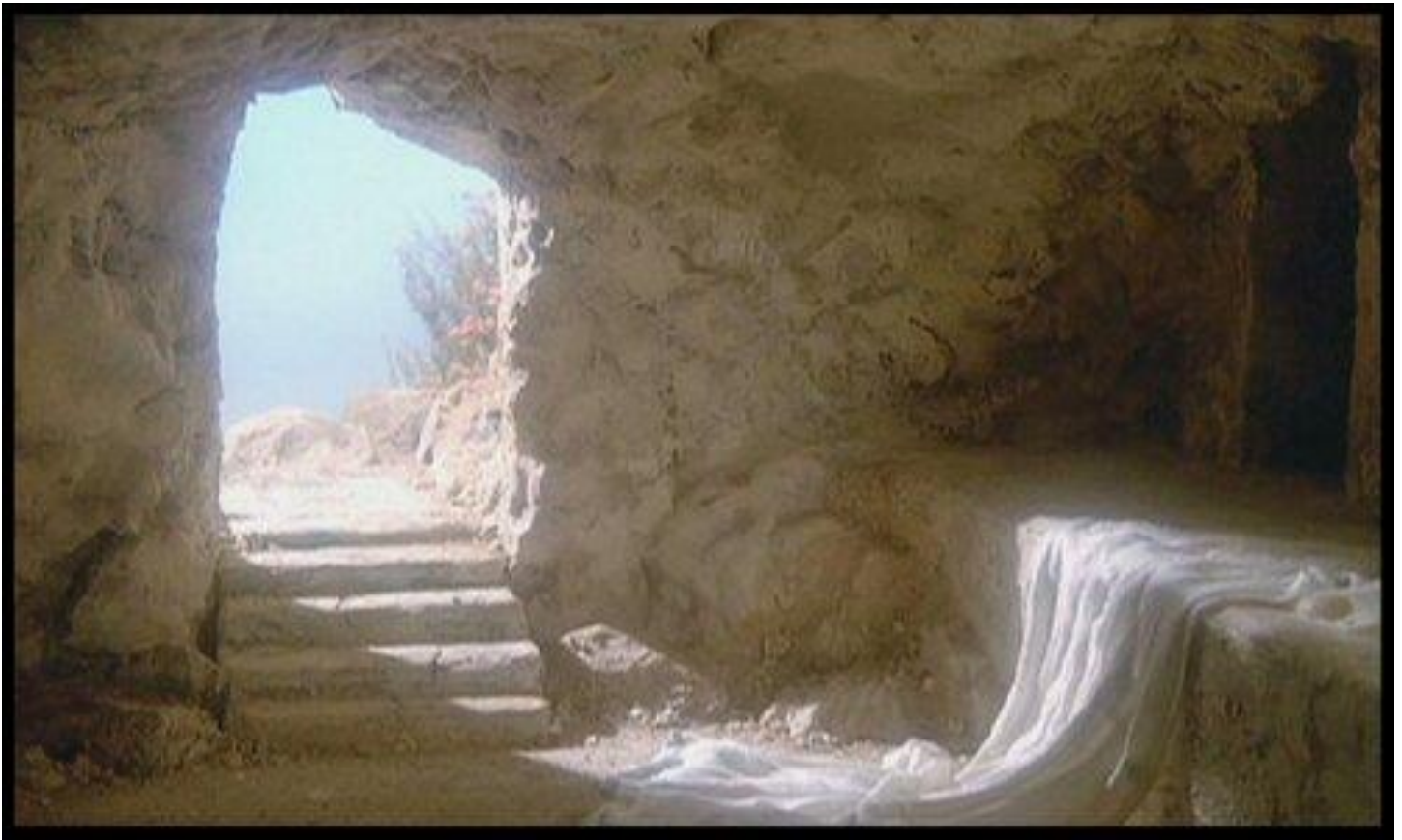
The Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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.” So 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Barker

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able and say together:

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

The people may stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Matthew, our Bishop, for Paul our Pastor, and for all bishops,

priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray with Thanksgiving for all those who have come to faith.

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

Pause

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.

Pause

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin is omitted during the Season of Easter

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's love.

Announcements

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory

Pascha nostrum

After the offertory piece has been played the people stand and sing the familiar tune of the "Old 100".

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

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and".

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second system of musical notation. The treble clef staff has a long note for the word "might," followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "might," followed by a rest. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,".

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The third system of musical notation. The treble clef staff has a long note for "might," followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "might," followed by a rest. The lyrics are: "God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are".

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff has a long note for "full," followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "full," followed by a rest. The lyrics are: "full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -".

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff has a long note for "san - na" followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "san - na" followed by a rest. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na".

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The sixth system of musical notation. The treble clef staff has a long note for "in the high - est." followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "in the high - est." followed by a rest. The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes".

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread and says

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Celebrant then presents the Sacrament to the People

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.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Communion is distributed at the altar rail. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available by asking the priest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing, please join us at the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Depart through the doors at either side of the rail, returning to your pew through the door by the reader's lectern.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymns

<i>At the Lamb's high feast we sing</i>	H 174
<i>Jesus Christ is risen today</i>	H 207
<i>Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!</i>	H 182

Our Prayer after Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Season Prayer

The Celebrant then offers the following prayer to the people

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

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into
newness of life, make us 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 us to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And, may blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for
ever. *Amen!*

Recessional Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

H 199

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

The beautiful Easter lilies and flowers that adorn the Church today were given by the generosity of the following persons to the greater glory of God and in memory or honor of:

<i>Don & Mary Catherine Williams</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Stan & Grey Kiser</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>The Broyles Family</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>The Rev. Paul Barker</i>	<i>In memory of Richard & Barbara Barker</i>
<i>Shirley Ofsa</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Jim & Susanne Pulse</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Linda Ammar</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Keith & Darla Olson</i>	<i>In memory of Sam Olson</i>
<i>Betty Nash & Charlie Blevins</i>	<i>In honor of our Loved Ones</i>
<i>David & Debbie Faber</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Delia Kersey</i>	<i>In memory of John and Barton Kersey</i>
<i>Tripper & Staci Thomas</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Sheila Brooks</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Terry Whittington</i>	<i>In memory of Terry & Thelma Kelly Whittington</i>
<i>Mollie Whittington</i>	<i>In memory of William Gordon Whittington</i>
<i>Linda Gillespie</i>	<i>In memory of Carl & all Loved Ones</i>
<i>David & Bobbi Kersey</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Rob & Mimi Merritt</i>	<i>In memory of Loved Ones</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. John Moir</i>	<i>In memory of our beloved parents</i>
<i>Dr. & Mrs. Ted Lewis</i>	<i>In memory of Mae & Merrill Truster and Jo Lewis</i>

The Altar Flowers are given today by
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Richardson
in memory of Loved Ones.

The donors of the Easter Lilies may pick up their flowers following the 10 AM service today.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by David Hardin and Terry Whittington. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another better. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist.

Please join us!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Celebrant

The Rev. Paul Barker

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Bill Denny

Lectors

Don Williams

Altar Guild

Elizabeth Clement, Betty Nash, Lisa Van Dyke

Attendance Last Sunday:

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Birthdays This Week: Alice Allen

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers: Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, Martha Linkous, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Jim and Chris Justice, Ivy and the Gaines Family, Fr. Russ and Debbie Hatfield and family, Mary Lou, Brian, Don Harris, Ted and Katherine Lewis, Jim Dyer, Brian, John and Becky Beckett, Jim Paine, Lane, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, Joel Hammond, Martin and Ethan, Jim, Joan Gray, Rosemary, Eddie Hughes, Doug Truter, Jenessa, Ameiah, Beth Kane, Debbie H., Kimberly Norriss, Eric, Mark, and Tim Mainland.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday – April 3

ECW Dinner at the Church 5:30pm

Saturday – April 6

Vestry Retreat in Rowley Hall 10:am – 3:00pm

Wednesday – April 10

Union Mission 4:00pm

Sunday – April 14

Guest Preacher, Hannah Anderson

Marriage Blessing after Church

Tuesday – April 16

DOK meeting 10:30am

Wednesday – April 17

Men's Dinner 6:00pm

Vestry meeting 7:00pm

Thursday – April 18

Food Pantry 9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday – April 21

Carry-in luncheon after Church

Wednesday – April 24

Union Mission 3:30pm

Announcements:

ECW Dinner: The Episcopal Church Women will be having a dinner on April 3 at 5:30pm at the Church.

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host will be needed for each Sunday in May. Please sign up on the whiteboard located outside the library. Contact Mary Catherine Williams at: (276-326-2411) or mkw@dlwco.com if you have any questions. Thank you for helping Christ Church in this important ministry.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry will be collecting cleaning supplies for the month of April.



Eastertide

Let every heart be filled with joy,
A joy of thankfulness to our Savior and King!
He is victorious over sin and death.
He conquered death to give us a new life.
A life blossoms through His unending love.
It is for a cause and without condition
The love that brings healing and reconciliation,
A pure love that creates in us real peace.
Peace that springs from his sacred heart,
A heart that bleeds for our affliction.
It is full of mercy and compassion,
A heart wounded for our sins and vainglory.
Rejoice! Jesus is truly risen from the dead
For us to live once again,
To live without blemish of pride,
And live a life unselfishly for others in need.
--by Estela Canama

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Paul Barker

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Peter Richardson

Priest

Organist & Choirmaster

Parish Administrator

Sexton

Senior Warden

Junior Warden