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Continuing our Discipleship

Christ Has Risen Christ Has Risen Indeed

Easter Opening

Antiphon: Glory to Thee, O Trinity coequal only Deity, ere yet the worlds began to be, and now through eternity.

Psalm 117

1 Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples
His merciful kindness is great towards us and the truth of the Lord
endureth forever.

2 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As
it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen

Psalm 3

1 Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!

2 Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him."

3 But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who
lifts my head high.

4 I call out to the Lord and he answers me from his holy mountain.

5 I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

6 I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.

7 Arise, Lord! Deliver me, my God! Strike all my enemies on the
jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.

8 From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your
people.

9 Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world
without end. Amen

Resurrection Acclamation

In Thy resurrection O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice Alleluia.

Resurrection Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Who fulfilled by Your
resurrection all that was promised by the prophets; observing in
remembrance the glory of the resurrection, we are gathered
together to do You homage in deepest thanksgiving. Look on us in
our humility and grant that, being wiped clean from the stain of sin
during the holiness of the Great Night, we will rise to new life as
worthy partakers of Your death and resurrection; Who lives and
reigns with God the Father in unity with the Holy Spirit, God
throughout all ages of ages.

The Sacrament will now be transferred back to the Main Altar.

Come Rejoice our Lord is Risen

Veneration of the Cross

The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia. Who for us has hung on the wood of the Cross. Alleluia.

In Thy resurrection O Christ, alleluia! Let heaven and earth rejoice Alleluia.

PENITENTIAL RITE

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 139: 18, 5b-6a, 118: 1-2

C: I have risen I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom, Alleluia!

R: O Lord, you have probed me, and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 sins 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.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. [*pause briefly*] Almighty God, our Father, You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life, let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the risen Christ Who is among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever." R:

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD." R.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes. R:

Second Reading

Corinthians 5: 5-6-8

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?
Clear out the old yeast,
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,
inasmuch as you are unleavened.
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A
Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles
sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat
stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak,
Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ,
who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection bright angels
attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have
mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamations.

1 Corinthians 5: 7b-8a

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with
joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20: 1-10

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone
removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They
have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they
put him. "So, Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the

tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Alleluia! He is Risen! Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

During Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is said during the liturgy. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One-part states: O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy." The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

Easter is a time when we must do just that. We must "cling" to our resurrected Lord! We must cling to Jesus who is alive and well. We must cling to His Resurrection and strive to share in it. How

do we cling to our Resurrected Lord? There are many ways. Here is one.

Take joy in everything. Start with whatever it is that burdens you the most. Whatever it is that makes you angry, sad or depressed. Whatever that is, it can potentially become one of your greatest sources of grace and joy. Seriously, it can. If the brutal Crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, can turn out to be the greatest event in all of human history, then your personal suffering, your burden, or even your sin can very much become a source of great joy as long as you let God transform it into part of His Resurrection!

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the Way of the Cross, but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter! Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives here in Holy Family Parish! Happy Easter! Together we pray, Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let you transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You. Christ has Risen, Christ has risen indeed. Alleluia!

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary, AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: Let us place our needs before God our Father, rejoicing because Christ has triumphed over death and entered into glory.

Our response is “Lord hear our prayer”

For our Prime Bishop Anthony, Diocesan Bishop John, Pastor Father Bruce, for all our bishops, priests and deacons; that they continue to lead the Church in witnessing to the joyful truth of the Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have dedicated their lives to God; that they may “look for the things that are in heaven” and be Christ’s witnesses in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For our nation, that the covid-19 virus be eliminated and that this pandemic is not used as a political tool, but we be united as one nation under God, let us pray to the Lord.

For all our families in our continuing year of discipleship, that they be united in love and harmony and recognize the importance of attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord.

For those unjustly deprived of their religious freedom, that their freedoms be restored, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have suffered from threats, terror and untimely deaths throughout the world, may they be comforted, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ to come upon men who are contemplating to answer the call to Sacred Vocations, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have died, that they may rise to eternal life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Almighty Father, Your beloved Son has risen from the dead, as He promised us. In peace and joy, we present our prayers to you, through the same risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

OFFERTORY VERSE

The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment.

Alleluia.

Psalm 76: 9b-10a

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and loving Father accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy in which Your Church is reborn and nourished, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.

Romans 6: 9

PRAYER AFTER SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray. [*pause briefly*] Eternal Father, watch over Your Church and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen,

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray. I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS

ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary ...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



This Week

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection

8:30 A.M.

There will be no procession just the Resurrection

Acclamations and Easter Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated. Easter baskets may be blessed after Mass.

These are the recommendations from the Prime Bishop and the Bishops of the church. The Church doors will be open for all the celebrations, but it is recommended to stay home or keep a social distance if attending the liturgy.

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Easter 2

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+Leo Gibala Int. Ted & Janis Gibala; +Edmund Adamek (2nd Ann.) Int Laura Adamek and Family

Until the sanctions from the Covid -19 Virus is lifted and we return to normal activities, there will only be one Sunday Mass to be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. The 11:00 A.M. will not be celebrated. Again, it is recommended to stay home.

Always check our website www.hfpncc.org or Holy Family National Catholic Church Facebook page for added information or changes.

Homemade Chocolate Easter Eggs Are Still Available



The Easter Eggs can be purchased after today's Mass. There are various varieties of ½ lb. Milk Chocolate & Dark Chocolate Easter Eggs for sale. Price is \$10.00.

Registration applications for Convo 2020 are now available this July. All parish youth ages 12-20 should attend. Chaperones will be needed. More information forthcoming.

Easter Sunday Word Search

Y	R	E	N	A	W	A	E	L	S
A	R	K	J	E	S	O	J	G	E
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I	E	Q	U	S	T	Y	R	N	M
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E	E	R	H	C	L	U	P	E	S
R	G	A	E	G	N	A	W	K	E
G	A	E	A	R	T	A	Q	U	A

MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
AWE	JOY	GREETINGS



Parish Service Projects

Due to the Covid-19 Virus pandemic, our three community service projects have been stalemated. They will be continuing through the Easter Season: The **Witness Bags** filled with toiletries by the Youth; the **Food Drive**: “Roll Away the Stone of Hunger” by PNU Branch 132 and the **Clothing Drive** headed by Dave Kost to be distributed to the homeless. Choose the one that interests you as we reach out into our communities as we feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Graduates

Although we are at a quarantine lockdown, Holy Family still wants to honor the 2020 High School and College Graduates. Please send Fr. Bruce your name and a list of awards and achievements.



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Today's Reading's Message on our continual Discipleship to be understood.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43

This is the first of many readings from this book in our Easter Season. The context of this passage is that Peter has been invited to address the household of the Roman centurion Cornelius: Cornelius was not a Jew, but was a just and good man, who had a vision telling him to invite Peter to his home. Peter arrives and Cornelius, after describing his vision, says, "You have been kind enough to come. Here we all are, assembled in front of you to hear what message God has given you for us." So, Peter is in the situation of introducing this man and his household to faith in Jesus Christ – Cornelius knows nothing of the Gospel message. So, Peter gives the discourse you read on this day. This is a testimony – an eye-witness account – and should be read with great personal conviction, especially from the words, "Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did..." Peter is giving the Good News as he has received it to Cornelius, who is thirsty for it. You too, as the proclaimer, must give this Good News on this holy day to those listening to you: not by "tub-thumping" or high-

blown oratory, but by your quiet confidence in the truth and importance of what you are reading.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

This reading is more subtle: again, it is about baptism, but less explicitly, referring rather to the change which baptism implies. This is explained by the image of yeast – by baptism (and its annual renewal) we rid ourselves of the old yeast and become a beautiful fresh, new batch of unleavened bread (a lively reference to the Passover feast which makes us think of the Last Supper, the sacrifice of the Lord on the cross and the Mass). Be careful that people catch the image – if they miss the word “yeast”, this whole reading will be lost! Take it slowly and carefully. Emphasize the words “celebrate the feast” and “sincerity and truth.”

Gospel Reading John 20: 1-9

On this strange dawn we are praying in a darkness that is outside time, like that of astronauts circling in space: beyond sunsets and sunrises, seeing the beginning and the end of our days. We look back to that breathless morning when the apostles saw the holy women come back from the tomb with a story of angels. A bloodless corpse, transfixed by a spear, had risen again with a mysterious new life. Jesus had kept his promise. Death, our oldest enemy, had been mastered.

Wherever we share compassion, justice, reconciliation, faith, and encourage each other to be people of hope, we are people of the resurrection and ministers of the resurrection. Jesus is raised from death each time we live His way of life. We do this in the various ways of showing care and concern for the lives and troubles of others. Easter prayer can be our asking to be ministers of the resurrection, as we discern how best to serve the risen

Lord through our discipleship here in Holy Family Parish.

The tomb was empty, and, for the faithful ones, this was a sign of new life. Some would remember Jesus saying he would rise from death. Others would feel down, cheated or just lost. It is the same with us: the tough times of life can bring us close to God, or distance us; suffering can make us better people or make us bitter and isolated. We may feel a bit of both at times. The empty tomb is the message that nothing is final in this life, not even death. God's love is stronger than any human power, violence or cruelty. Love conquers all. This should be our parish's teaching at all times.

It is the 'first day of the week'. Mary Magdalene is the first witness of an event which marks not just the beginning of a new week but the transformation of human history. But 'it is still dark' and she does not yet understand what has happened. Let us ponder the mystery.

Peter and the other disciple, who had stood faithfully beneath the cross, run to the tomb. The other disciple saw and believed. Peter, whose last recorded action was to deny Jesus, still does not believe. Think, what blocks me from fuller faith? What blocks me of being more active in worship and parish responsibilities?

When Jesus raised Lazarus, Lazarus had to be freed from his graveclothes. Jesus' graveclothes are rolled up and lying on the side, a reflection of his mastery over death. As a parish we stand in the doorway beside the entrance and stare into that empty tomb. Do we grasp the difference between this resurrection and that of Lazarus? Mary was first to announce the resurrection, the first to receive the encouragement and hope that the risen Jesus offers. Others are remembered for promoting the message, for proclaiming the new truth. Let us take some

time with Mary asking her to guide us as we await; pray that we may notice and take heart as we see signs of the resurrection in our lives. This is what we should do to make Holy Family] s parish community stronger. Even at this marvelous moment, those who had been closest to Jesus did not understand the scriptures. As an entire parish, we should ask God to help us this Easter; that we may recognize where the scriptures are coming to life as we are guided by the spirit of God. This we must do as we approach our 100th year as a parish community proclaiming the redeeming message of God's love. Christ has Risen, Christ has Risen Indeed.

Parish Stewardship

These have been difficult days for many of us. Some have been laid off from their jobs. Hopefully we get back to our normal lives and importantly back to worship, hearing the Word of God and receiving the Holy Eucharist. Easter just isn't the same this year. We miss our rituals and liturgies. Due to the current mandates issued in our country and state, our parish lost valuable fundraising events which were necessary for our everyday expenses. Even though you haven't been able to worship each Sunday, home worship bulletins have been made available on our website, but your weekly financial donations are also needed. Continue to fill each weekly envelope as if you were attending Mass every Sunday. You can send in your donations through the mail or hold onto to them until we resume our Sunday obligations. This is also a part of our discipleship. Most importantly though, be safe and follow the guidelines so we can eradicate this contagious virus. Let us keep praying for each other for we are all family.