Celebrating Easter Day
Sunday, April 24, 2011 11:00 am
The Festival of the Resurrection
Celebrant: The Reverend Christine Conkin
Now is Christ risen from the dead .

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD
Prelude
Announcements

Processional Hymn #203 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
All **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy

The Children will come forward to decorate the cross with daffodils.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118 *(selected verses)*

On this day the Lord has acted, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous.

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Open for me the gates of righteousness, I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord, the one who is righteous may enter.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it !

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Now 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.

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Response: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #211 ***Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing***

The Easter Gospel: John 20:1-18

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
Response*:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People
Peace
THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED
Offertory Hymn #223 Christ Is Risen
The Great Thanksgiving # 3 pg. 198
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of the Bread

Lord we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

COMMUNION
All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion "The gifts of God for the people of God." If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Anthem after Communion – He is Risen! Susan Boersma & Craig Courtney

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD
Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All **And your faithful servants bless you.**
Celebrant Gracious God
All **We thank you for feeding us**
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #423 How Great Thou Art

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world – rejoicing in the Risen Christ!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude: Nun Danket alle Gott Karg-Elert

He is Risen. A blessed Easter.

Heartiest Thanks . .

- to the trumpeter. Thank you for your glorious music.
- to the Chancel Guild for all the care given through this season
- to Chris Fullerton and the choir for all they inspire and all that they have given leading us through Lent, Holy Week and this Festive Day
- to Mike Armstrong who arranges the Lectors
- to Diane Mockridge all who helped on Maundy Thursday evening with the light supper
- to our wardens, Raju, Marg, Barry, and Claire who are giving so much to lead us so well. God be thanked for all the ministries of St. Peter's.
- to David McKeown and our faithful lay readers.

Barry O'Flynn is Warden on Duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we give thanks for the Anglican Communion throughout the world. We give thanks for its richness and diversity of culture, race and language.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray Cathedral Church of The Redeemer and their clergy, The Rev. Leighton Lee and Hon. Asst. The Rev. Cyril Challice; and The Diocese

of Calgary Synod Office staff, Dorothy Schultz, Stephen Koning, The Ven. Barry Foster and The Rt. Rev. Derek Hoskin.

- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George with Transfiguration, the Ascension and Holy Redeemer and their clergy, The Very Rev. Patric k McIntosh and the Diocese of the Windward Islands Synod and their office staff and the Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Margo Brisbin, Edith Lenko, David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by:

- Elfie Wirsch & Marg Haynes in memory of Eddie John Wirsch, husband and father; Margaret MacLaine, sister and aunt and in memory of loved ones.
- Ellen Lee in memory of loved ones.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery –**The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- **VBS (Panda Mania)** will be held August 15-19, 2011. Ages 3-11 are welcome. We are looking for volunteers to help out, especially for crafts, games and music. We are also looking for junior leaders, age 12 and older. Call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393 for more info.
- The next **Prayer Partner Pot Luck** will be held Sunday, May 1st following the 10 am service.

Stephen Ministry: This upcoming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close. In this presentation they will be considering how the sometimes difficult process of *Bringing a Caring Relationship to a Close* can instead be turned into a relationship-strengthening event.

.**Upcoming Events:**

- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, April 25, 7pm, Limerick's Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come hang out and talk about life and faith. For more information, contact Christine: christine@stpeterscalgary.ca
- **FIRST FRIDAY CLUB** is going bowling. This will be a fun evening with many novelty events, as well as regular bowling. The date is Friday May 6. If interested tell your phoner if you are on the phone list, or if not call Joan Siddall at 403-238-7588. Please call as we need numbers to reserve lanes. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL!
- **CELEBRATION OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND MOTHERS AND THEIR NEW BABIES** ***Everyone is invited to join us for coffee and treats after the service on May 8th (Mother's Day) in Cormack Hall, to celebrate expectant mothers and all new***

mothers and their babies under the age of one. If you know of an expectant mother or a new mother and her baby you would like to invite, please contact Margaret Cull at margaretcull@shaw.ca (or 403-281-4405) and we will send them a personal invitation from St. Peter's.

- **Calling all avid readers!** Please join us for an exciting book study, movie, discussion and meet the author on May 3, 11 and 17 at 7:00 PM in the upper hall. Muslim, Christian and Jew: Finding a Path to Peace our Faiths Can Share, by Calgary author Dr. David Liepert, is an historical and current day examination of our inter-faith similarities and differences. Dr. Liepert calls on us, through meaningful dialogue, to work together in order to draw world attention to the fact that peace requires understanding, appreciation and respect for the common teachings of our faiths. His book is a great message of hope, and at times provocative, as he challenges us to explore the different "givens" of our faiths. Come and join us for what promises to be a lively, informative discussion!

May 3	Book discussion
May 11	Book discussion and film, "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think"
May 17	Guest speaker, Dr. David Liepert

Doug Pagitt: The Church in the Inventive Age. Doug Pagitt, author, speaker, pastor and Emerging Church leader, will be with us to speak about his latest book, *The Church in the Inventive Age.* He suggest that the Information Age that so much of church life is designed for, is fast fading and a new age, the Inventive Age, is dawning. He invites churches to be full participants in a cultural age where creativity, participation and inclusion are the norm. This will be a stimulating and useful evening for all. **Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm** at St. Laurence Anglican Church, 5940 Lakeview Drive SW, Calgary. Tickets are $10 if purchased before May 1 at **Wisdom Centre Events** or $15 after that date and at the door.

A new study of a Hunger for Healing "The Twelve Steps as a Classic Model for Christian Spiritual Growth" is starting on Wednesday, March 30th. Everyone is welcome. Meeting time is 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee provided. Place – St. Peter's Anglican Church. Contact – Gwen Smith at 403-238-0105 or Avril at 403-252-0393.

BRAHMS VIOLIN and PIANO SONATAS, a recital by Emily Westell, violin and Lana Henchell, piano. Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm, Cantos Music Foundation (134 - 11th Ave. SE). Tickets at door (cash only, please): $10/adult; $5/student.

"Dementia: Caregiving Resources and Supports" **April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (703 Heritage Drive SW). 403-255-0001. Presented by Richard Alarie, M.A, R. Psych., Therapy Specialist, Community Geriatric Mental Health, Leanne Tombe, BSW, RSW from the South Central Primary Care Network, AB Health Services and Charlene Retzlaff, BSW, RSW from the Family Caregiver Centre. Enter off the east parking lot via the ramp entrance.

Strawberry Tea, Bag Raffle & Live Auction (China Tea Cups & Collectables) May 7th, 2011 - Time 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. St. Andrew's Anglican Church (wheel chair access), 1611 St. Andrew's Place NW, Admission $4.00 per person. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Ambrose is pleased to be hosting a Retreat for Seniors, May 16-18, 2011. The retreat program includes three evening services with Dr. Charles Price, Pastor of The Peoples Church in Toronto; two morning worship services; and workshops each day covering a variety of topics. The Hymn Time Band will provide music during the event. The cost of the retreat is $129 per person (including meals) before April 1 ($149 after that date). Accommodation is available in the Ambrose Residence or area hotels; for details please go to www.ambrose.edu/finishing-well or call Elly at 403.410.2940.

The Three Cantors'. For the first time, in Alberta, St. Laurence Anglican Church, Calgary in conjunction with The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary are bringing the Canadian renowned ' The Three Cantors' to Calgary for a concert in support of PWDRF. This not to be missed event will take place Friday June 10th at 7:30 pm, at the Cathedral, with a large percentage of the proceeds from the concert and all CD sales going to support PWDRF. A link on the PWDRF website and the Wisdom Centre website will allow the parishoners in your parishes to purchase tickets online at the low cost of $25! http://www.pwrdf.org/our-work/3-cantors/.

North to the Bay *– Bishop Gary and Marie Woolsey will be leading a tour to Churchill, Manitoba November 1-7, 2011. Experience the north during polar bear season. For more information, contact Bishop Gary at 403-251-9569.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	10:00 am	Beverly Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service
Friday	7:00 pm	Youth

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