St. Peter's Parish Hackett's Cove

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16 APRIL 2022 HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 pm St. Andrews, Indian Harbour Book of Alternate Services Holy Communion In-person Service

Service of Holy Communion according to the Rite of the Book of Alternate Services (BAS)

Welcome!

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2.8–9

Gathering of the Community

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In the darkness, fire is kindled. The celebrant may then greet the people and address them in these or similar words.

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

The celebrant may say the following prayer.

Let us pray. Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The paschal candle is lighted from the new fire. The priest takes the paschal candle, lifts it high, and says,

The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

The procession enters the church, led by the deacon with the paschal candle. At a suitable place the deacon lifts the candle high, and says a second time,

The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

If candles have been distributed to the congregation, they may be lighted now or when the procession ends. The procession continues until the deacon arrives before the altar. Turning to face the people, the deacon says a third time,

The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Other candles and lamps in the church may now be lighted. The paschal candle is placed in its stand in the middle of the sanctuary or near the lectern.

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

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Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis 1: 1 – 2:4a

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 ¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be a

dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. 9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. 10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. 12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. 14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

<u>Prayer</u>

Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus 14:10 – 31; 15: 20 – 21

- ¹⁰ As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."
- ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. ¹⁶ But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."
- ¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.
- ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Song of Miriam

15 ²⁰ Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. ²¹ And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Prayer

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

The Liturgy of the Word

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Reading: A reading from the book of Ezekiel 36:24 - 28

²⁴ I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸ Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith. Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Readings

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 6: 3 - 11

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

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1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob.
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

All: Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Gradual Hymn

CP #218 Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

Rejoice, angelic choirs, rejoice! Rejoice now, all creation!
Let trumpets loudly raise their voice to hail the Lord's salvation;
Let all Christ's holy people sing the triumph of their mighty King in festive celebration!

O earth, exult in radiance bright, illumined by Christ's splendour! Your darkness now is put to flight; to hm due praises render! Be glad, O Church! Sing out your song! Your temples fille with shouting throngs to hail the glorious victor!

Let all who gather round this flame, the sign of Christ's arising,
The deathless light of Christ acclaim, his saving mercy prizing;
That all may live by faith in him who conquered death, despair, and sing to make us his forever.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24: 1 - 12 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Resurrection of Jesus

24 ¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ¹ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁶ Then they remembered his words, ⁶ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of Christ. Blessed be the Word

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Beverly C. Kean-Newhook

<u>Hymn</u>

CP #649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine, Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you,

Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your

Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The celebrant may address the people in these or similar words.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew

the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

The celebrant concludes the Renewal of Baptismal Vows with the following:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

CP# 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, Who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain: Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within, Where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin.

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name, Telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care, Where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer. In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring To the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night, when he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread # 2

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Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

Communion Hymn: Fill My House

Fill my house unto the fullest, eat my bread and drink my wine The love I bear, is held from no one, All I have and all I do I give to you

Take my time, unto the fullest, find in me the trust you seek
Take my hands to you outreaching, All I have, and all I do, I give to you

Christ our lord with love enormous, From the cross this lesson taught Love all men, as I have loved you, All I have and all I do I give to you

Join with me, as one in Christ love, may our hearts all beat as one May we give ourselves completely, All I have and all I do I give to you?

Prayer after Communion

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All: Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen

Closing Prayers Page 214

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

CP# 207 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred Blood for wine, gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy; from sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory and of praise, Father, unto thee we raise; Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Sung Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe Reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above, Go Now in Peace, in faith and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Worship Schedule for Holy Week
(All services are combined and In-person)

April 17th Easter Sunday Holy Communion – 10:30 am – St. Peter's Church, Hackett's Cove Readings: Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26; John 20: 1-18

Prayer Corner



♦ We pray for: Cailly, Evelyn, Tara, Cathy, Tom, Hunter, Breayla, Judy, Carol, Laura, Lillian, Hannah, Harold, Rev'd. Anna, William, Gregg, David, Rodney, Barbara, Daisy, Brian, John and Barb, Billy and Adrianne. *If you would like a name added, call Helen Richardson 902-823-2305 or Kathleen Bugbee 902-823-3001*

Special Prayers for the Ukraine - From Our Bishop Sandra Fyfe

For Ukraine and all drawn into violence and war. A Prayer Against False Peace O merciful God, grant that we through the strength of Your divine hand might protect and serve one another – make all forms of hatred crease, unmask all systems of corruption and power, drive out all fears and prejudices in our day. You are as near as our breath and as close to us as the contours of our hearts and minds. May Your presence be a balm to those who are suffering and a bright flame to those who are causing injury. Rupture the status quo of perennial violence that infects our world, and teach us through your divine Word to reject the lies of any false peace in favour of the presence of Your dangerous justice.

From Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine and for all your precious children. God of peace and justice we pray for the people of Ukraine today, we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort will draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernament and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Weekly Notices/Community Events

Food Bank – Items for April – men/women shampoo, fruit cups, including apple sauce, recess snacks (i.e., pre-packaged items like cereal bars, cookies, etc.), and laundry and dish soaps. Also, tooth brushes. Don't forget that this month is also Easter! Please note that during COVID-19 times, the food bank is getting more and more clients that have special dietary needs, increasing the need for sugar-free or no sugar added and gluten free items. There are also more clients with allergies, so scent-free products are much appreciated. Remember the Food Bank accepts in-person donation from Tuesday to Saturday between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Weekly Ecumenical Fellowship

Wednesday night at 7:00 pm – In-person at St. Peter's Church Hall – ZOOM option is also available. Come join us for discussions on what to read/study next in our weekly meetings. Tea/Coffee and cookies are available as well as lively discussions. Come and join us on Wednesday night!