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Church of the Advent



Established 1850

The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.

*Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist: Rite II*

April 9, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*The time prior to the start of the service is set aside for prayerful waiting and reflection.
Please be respectful in observing silence at this time. **Please silence all electronic devices.**
S denotes Service Music found at the beginning of the hymnal.
BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

PRELUDE

*The congregation is welcome to ring bells during the processional
hymns and during Alleluias!*

PROCESSION HYMN (*please stand*) *Jesus Christ is risen today* Hymnal 207

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen! BCP 355

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

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.***

SONG OF PRAISE *Welcome, happy morning!* Hymnal 179

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.***

FIRST LESSON (*please be seated*) *Jeremiah 31:1-6*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

***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.*

SECOND LESSON *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *(please stand)* *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

Hymnal 199

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do

not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON *(please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

New Zealand Prayer Book Page 416, 417 & 464

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith and thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

God of Peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a

creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

Silence

We pray for the Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness to the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please be seated)*

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS *(please stand)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(please be seated)* *Antiphonal Alleluia*

RESPONSE *(please stand)* *Alleluia, Alleluia, (verse 4)*

Hymnal 178

THE HOLY COMMUNION

It is customary for the people to stand for the Eucharistic Prayer during Eastertide through Pentecost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hymnal S-128

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM *For the bread which you have broken (verse 1)*

Hymnal 341

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*

Hymnal 174

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us Pray.

New Zealand Prayer Book Page 428

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Amen.

PROCESSION HYMN

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Hymnal 208

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John and Jean Miller by Johnny, Ellen, Jess and Jean Miller.

Worship Assistants

	<u>April 9</u>	<u>April 16</u>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Exum Taylor</i>	
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Jane Jernigan</i>	<i>Chuck Cohen</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Jane Jernigan</i>	<i>Cathy Cohen</i>
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Don Beach</i>	<i>Chloe Tuttle</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Jim Allen</i>	<i>Jim Allen</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Maria Allen</i>	<i>Maria Allen</i>

Calendar

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