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April 24, 2011 - Easter Sunday

Niech Bedze pochwalony
Jezus Chrystus.
R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.
R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Christ Is Risen"

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READING I - Acts 10:34a, 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: Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

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

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

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

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

READING II - I Cor 5:6b-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. Priest/Lector: Verse.

GOSPEL - Mt 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "O'er Death Victorious"

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COMMUNION HYMN - "In Love We Gather"
- solo by Jiselle MacDonald

POST COMMUNION HYMN - "Here I Am Lord"

RECESSIONAL HYMN -
"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

CELEBRATE EASTER - 2011!

CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE!

Easter is a time to celebrate life, renewed hope, and new beginnings. It is about transformed hearts and changed lives. Easter is also about having the heart of a child, to rejoice in small blessings and large, and to believe that God can do anything ... and has! ... even the resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Fill your Easter festivities with the joy that comes from knowing that God's gift of life through His Son has given you something to truly celebrate!

+ RESURRECTION SUNDAY-EASTER SUNDAY +

Easter Sunday remains the most joyful of all Christian celebrations ... The sadness of Good Friday disappears, as the faithful remember the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and His promise of eternal life. This morning, all over the world, Christians will gather at dawn to greet the rising sun with the victorious cry "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

The triumph and joy of Easter is reflected in the decoration of the sanctuary and the priest's use of white vestments symbolizing joy and purity. The Paschal candle shines now in the sanctuary, as the symbol of the visible presence of Our Lord upon earth. Church bells, silent since Holy Thursday, ring out. The church is ablaze with lights and candles and filled with the smell of incense and flowers. The joyful repetition of "ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA" resounds and remains a sign of joy and peace. The faithful now sing joyous hymns in praise of Jesus Christ. The 'LORD IS RISEN!' ALLELUIA!

EASTER BREAKFAST...WELCOMING ALL!

We extend our cordial invitation and warm welcome, to all, to, attend our traditional Easter breakfast, held in the Parish Hall, after the Resurrection Mass.

You'll find a little something for everyone. This breakfast we will start with the sharing of pieces of the blessed eggs with the proclamation; "Christ is Risen" and the response is "He is truly Risen; He gave us life everlasting." Come share and let us Rejoice! together.

REJOICE! GOOD PEOPLE!

Good people abound at St. Francis...Parishioners and Friends and those outside our community that connect with us through so many ways. Always our heartfelt "Thank You" in making and keeping our Parish a special place! Thank you to those who gave of their hearts and hands to decorate and make our church special for this Easter. Again our church looks glorious! Thank you for those who prepared our Easter Breakfast! To all who made their Lenten journey a time of spiritual growth and renewal, attending Stations of the Cross, Holy Week Masses and Easter food Blessings. Added thanks to Fr. Andrew, Monika, Lectors, Altar Servers, our Sunday Bulletin providers, and all good stewards, known and unknown to us. THANK YOU! Rejoice...Good People... Rejoice in all good works! God be Praised!

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY...Henri Nouwen DARING TO BECOME DEPENDENT

When someone gives us watch but we never wear it, that watch is not really received. When someone offers us an idea but we do not respond to it, that idea is not truly received. When someone introduces us to a friend but we ignore him or her, that friend does not feel well received. Receiving is an art. It means allowing the other to become part of our lives. It means daring to become dependent on the other. It asks for the inner freedom to say, "without you I wouldn't be who I am." Receiving with the heart is, therefore, a gesture of humility and love. So many people have been deeply hurt because their gifts were not well received. Let us be good receivers.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

On this Easter Day, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels; He is not here in the tomb; He is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

