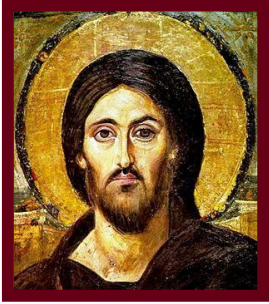


# PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL

WEEKLY NEWS OF PHILADELPHIA CATHEDRAL'S PEOPLE, MISSION & MINISTRIES



## EASTER DAY

### Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

April 24, 2011

SUNDAYS

10 AM – Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAYS (Tues. & Wed.)

12 Noon – Holy Eucharist

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#### **We welcome our visitors.**

We are happy to have you worship with us today. Please make yourselves known to the clergy and members of the congregation. We invite you to join us for refreshments following the Holy Eucharist. Please sign our visitor's book so we may stay in touch. *After today's Liturgy, please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.*



**He is risen!** - A blessed and Happy Easter to you all. In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for the day before Easter is properly called Holy Saturday. The Cathedral begins celebrating Easter in the evening of Holy Saturday at a service called the Easter Vigil. The season of Easter, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts until the day of Pentecost, seven weeks later.

**Readings for this Sunday** Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 28: 1-10

**Your prayers are requested for:** DIOCESAN PROGRAMS: Commission on Ministry  
DIOCESE OF GUATEMALA: Our Companion Cathedral, Cathedral de Santiago

Apóstol, The Rev. Francisco Trabanino; Church of St. Martha of Bethany, Mazatenango, The Rev. Hugo Padilla

**Prayers are also requested for:** Blanche Coleman, Karen Li, Gil, Grace Perkins, Michael, Mary Ellen, Gerry Wilson, Sui Yen Lie, Tom, Pat Ratchford, Joe Gilligan, Christoph, Kieran Quinn.

#### **Music for the Great Vigil of Easter & Easter Day**

The service of the Easter Vigil is one of the most sublime liturgies of the year. After lighting the Paschal Candle outdoors, we process inside for the singing (in English) of the ancient chant "Exsultet" (Rejoice, O heavenly hosts and choirs and choirs of angels!). Then follows the liturgy of the word, recounting five readings covering "salvation history" from the creation to the dry bones of Ezekiel. In between the readings, we will sing unison hymns and psalms antiphonally as we have been doing throughout Lent. At the end, the choir will sing a special anthem, the early Renaissance composer John Taverner's transcendent setting of the scene where the women approach the empty tomb. While the choir sings this glorious music, Sarah Shlechter will offer an interpretive liturgical dance to recreate the scene. This music and dance set the scene for the eagerly awaited Easter proclamation and the opening up of the organ and the Cathedral lights for the Gloria!



While there are many magnificent triumphal anthems for Easter, such as Vaughan Williams' "Let all the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing" (which we will sing Easter morning!), I always like to include music responding to the more mystical, contemplative side of the Easter celebration. The early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century English composer Edward Bairstow's sweetly reflective setting for choir and organ of "The day draws on with golden light" seemed perfect for this purpose. Much of the music and words we will sing and say have been similarly sung and spoken by the faithful who have gone before us over the centuries. We hope the music we have chosen will bring you closer to our Lord and each other through this journey of story of sacrificial love and redemption we call Holy Week. – Tom Lloyd

**Special thanks to:** The Red and Green Team for supporting today's liturgy.

**Team Leader:** Jim Perretta

**Team Members:** Dale Cranmer, Norman Hjelm, Bill Hunt, Barbara Jacobs, Jane Kamp, Gie Liem, Lisa Liem, Steve Lekus, Tom Lloyd, Geoff Middleton, Stacey Middleton, Donald O' Brien, Keith Richards, Richard Votta

***The Team assigned for May 1 will be the Yellow & Purple Team.***

Our gratitude and thanks to members and friends of the congregation, volunteers and staff and all those who have generously donated their time talent and resources in assisting during the Holy Week Liturgies.

*Please note that the Cathedral Offices will be closed on Monday April 25th.*

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