**Easter!** ***PAX*  April 4, 2021**

*PAX (Pilgrims After Christ) is a Catholic Christian inclusive community committed to planning and celebrating meaningful liturgies, developing community, and responding to the needs of our world in justice,*

*as those needs are revealed to us in liturgy and community dialogue.*

***Out of the Wilderness to Resurrection -- Rejoice and Be Glad!***

**Welcome** *Paula*

**Gathering Music** Come to the Water (instrumental) (John Foley)

**Opening Prayer** *Fr. Tuck*

**Kyrie** (sung) *All*

***Excerpts from the Easter Vigil***

**Ceremony of New Fire** *Amanda* lights our Paschal Candle.

*Amanda* chants (live): **Christ Our Light.** We respond: **Thanks Be To God** (3x)

We light our individual candles

*Chris* chants from the Exultet (live)

*Fr. Tuck* concludes:

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star:  
the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son,  
who, coming back from death's domain,

has shed his peaceful light on humanity,  
and lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

**Reading:** Romans 6:3-11 *Carl*

***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***

**Responsorial: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Give thanks to God for God is good,  
God’s mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.” ***(R)***  
  
“The hand of God has struck with power;  
the hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I will not die, but I shall live,  
and tell of the works of my God.” ***(R)***  
  
The stone the builders threw away   
now has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
and it is wonderful in our eyes. ***(R)***

*(As singing proceeds, Amanda redresses the PAX cross.)*

**Reading:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43 *Ron*

**Sequence for Easter:** Victimae Paschali Laudes*Nellie* sings (live)

Let Christians all their voices raise

And offer Easter hymns of praise,

As on the Paschal Lamb they gaze.

Alleluia!

Christ, sinless Lamb from heav’n above,

Has saved all sinners, sin removed,

Restored them to the Father’s love,

Alleluia!

When death to life in fearsome strains

Gives way as Christ his life regains,

The prince of life immortal reigns.

Alleluia!

What saw you, Mary on the way?

“I saw the tomb where Jesus lay;

His glory brightens us this day.”

Alleluia!

“I saw the angels and did hear

The witness they did volunteer;

The winding cloths were also near.”

Alleluia!

“Christ now appears before his own

In galilee where he is known.

Hopes are fulfilled; his wounds are shown.”

Alleluia!

We know that Christ if ’live indeed;

Victorious King, to him we plead

For mercy in our every need.

Alleluia!

**Gospel Acclamation** CelticAlleluia *Mary Lou preforms a moving liturgical dance as we sing.*

**Gospel** John 20: 1–9 *Fr. Tuck*

**Gloria** Taizé *All*

**Homily** *Fr. Tuck Grinnell*

**Creed** Baptismal Promises *Fr. Tuck, community responds:* ***I do***

**Prayers of the Faithful** *Mary Linda, Tao, and Rosa; community adds, Fr. Tuck concludes.*

**Sign of Peace** (*Please hold up candle/flowers*)*Fr. Tuck leads*

**Lord’s Prayer** PAX Children *Fr. Tuck leads in*

**Spiritual Communion** Lord of the Dance (last verse)*Nellie* sings (live)

**Meditation “**Amazing, beauteous change” *Carl*

**Final Blessing** *Fr. Tuck*

**Recessional Song** Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Allelulia. Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

*Text: st 1, Latin, 14th Century; para in Lyra Davidica, 1708. alt; sts 2,3, The Compleat Psalmodist, circa 1750;*

*Tune: EASTER HYMN, 77 77 Lyra Davidica, 1708. In the public domain.*

**Announcements, Fellowship, ‘Virtual’ Coffee**

***Liturgy Team:***  *Rev. Tuck Grinnell, Mary Lou Melley, Paula Hillery & Ron Novak, Chris Johnston, Mary Linda Sara, Rosa Scott, Carl Siebentritt, and June Zhu & Tao Shen -- with Ann & Steve Brown, Amanda and Mike Messinger, and Nellie Ohr.*