



*The Church in Exile
Easter Sunday 2020*

✠ The Service of Light

Celebrant: Christ yesterday and today,
All: *The beginning and the end,*

Celebrant: Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to Him, and all ages!
All: *To Him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

(The Easter Candle is lit.)

Celebrant: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. The Light of Christ!
All: *Thanks be to God!*

✠ The Easter Proclamation

Reader: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader: The Lord be with you.
All: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Reader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Reader: It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the day, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the day, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

✠ The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

✠ The Collect of the Day (Standing)

Celebrant: Let us pray that we may walk the risen life of Christ in glory.

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.*

✠ Praise and Worship

✠ The Reading of the Lessons

The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31:1-6*
The Psalm: *118:1-2, 14-24*
The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 3:1-4*
The Gospel: *John 20:1-18*

✠ The Sermon

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✠ The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ The Prayers of the People

✠ The General Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

✠ The Peace

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

✠ Offertory

Celebrant: All good things come from you, O Father.
All: And of your own have we given you.

✠ The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord is here.
People: His Spirit is with us.

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 him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus!

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory!

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: *Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

✠ The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The body of Christ, broken for you and the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(All baptized Christians who are in right relationship with the Lord and their neighbors are welcome to take Communion. Prayer ministers are available during Communion in Charlie's office in the back of the room.)

✠ Worship and Praise

✠ Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Faithful God, may we who share this banquet, glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.*

✠ The Blessing

Celebrant: May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

✠ Dismissal

Celebrant: Beloved, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

✠ Praise Reprise