



Sunday, April 12th—Easter Day Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESURRECTION

The People's Chime will joyously announce the Resurrection of the Lord starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Lighting of the New Fire and Blessing of the Paschal Candle

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy feast, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his Word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

The Officiant kindles the New Fire.

Officiant Let us pray. *Silence.* Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A taper is lit from the New Fire and taken to the Paschal Candle, which is blessed and lit.

Officiant Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all the ages: to him be glory and power through every age for ever.

All **Amen.**

Officiant May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

<i>Presider</i>	<i>People</i>
The light of Christ.	Thanks be to God.

The Exsultet—The Easter Proclamation

Officiant Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne. Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers. This is the day when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea. This is the day when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the day when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son. The power of this holy feast dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. Feast truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God! Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this day, receive our morning sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of the night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Greeting

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Officiant May his grace and peace be with you.

All **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Hymn 203—Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which we endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

The Collect of the Resurrection

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray. *Silence.*

God unlimited by mortal fear or the tomb's cold grip: in the lingering dark give us grace to know your life triumphant, your love undimmed, and your grace affirmed in the face of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

118:1-2, 14-24

The Officiant chants the verses; the Congregation joins in the refrain (R).



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." **R**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. **R**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter." **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

So 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel of the Resurrection

John 20:1-18

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Officiant Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BAPTISM INTO NEW LIFE

The Blessing of Water

Officiant Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are set free from the dominion of evil and death. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the Font.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Officiant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.

I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

At the end of each petition, the response (R) will be sung once. After the last petition, it will be sung twice.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Officiant Filled with joy on this royal feast of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ.

For the holy churches of God, Andrew and Riscylla our Bishops, the presbyters and deacons, all those who have been newly welcomed into the fellowship of Christ's Body, this holy gathering, and all the holy people of God: **R**

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people; for those who have been called to lead us in this time of global pandemic, and for the spirit of cooperation between the nations: **R**

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed—especially those afflicted with COVID-19—, travellers and prisoners, the dying and the dead, especially those who are dying without the presence of loved ones: **R**

For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially on this weekend when we are prevented from gathering together for the celebrations we customarily enjoy: **R**

That our Saviour may grant us triumph over our visible and invisible enemies and that with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers: **R**

That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection, knowing that even in the darkest time the Light of the World cannot be extinguished but shines forth as the Morning Star: **R**

That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints, awaiting the day when we will gather again to make Eucharist together: **RR**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
 earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
 sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
 fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
 Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? alleluia!
 Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
 following our exalted head, alleluia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
 Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
 Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
 Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Let us go in peace to proclaim the Resurrection of the Lord!



Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

