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**Easter Sunday
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Holy Eucharist - COVID19 Service**

Prelude: “*Easter Song*”

arr. by Bruce Greer

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy day, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

It is customary that the Paschal Candle burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

Opening Hymn #179 “Welcome, happy morning!” (vs 1 & 2)

Fortunatus

1. *Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say:
hell to-day is vanquished, heaven is won to-day!
Lo! the Dead is living, God for evermore
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!
Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say.*
2. *Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.
Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Salutation

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People Amen.

The Lessons

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord; * he who is righteous may enter.”

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hymn #193 "That Easter Day" (vs 1 & 5)

Puer nobis

*1. That Easter Day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw the risen Lord.*

*5. All Praise, O risen Lord, we give,
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
And God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹ WHEN THE SABBATH WAS OVER, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: Rev. Richard Bridgford

Nicene Creed

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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.*

Intercessions

We pray for those in need:

Mike, Sheila, Jerry, Kevin, Nell, John, Health Care Workers and their families, our police and first responders, and victims of violence in our community and beyond.

Silence for personal intercessions.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.*

The Priest, stands and says

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

(From the Supplemental Texts)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with (— and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

Hymn #204 “Now the green blade riseth”

Noel nouvelet

- 1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*
- 2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green,*
- 3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*
- 4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Easter Blessing:

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God the Creator, God the Redeemer and God the Sustainer be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude “*Because He Lives*”

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