

# EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020

## The Service of Morning Prayer

OPENING HYMN

VERSES 1-3

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

[https://youtu.be/qBNamFYN\\_6E](https://youtu.be/qBNamFYN_6E) King's College Choir

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ has risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *Pascha nostrum Said Together*

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 118:14-29

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Lector: The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 118. We will read the Psalm in unison.

**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!"*

*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.*

*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."*

*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.*

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

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

*Hosanna, Lord hosanna! \*  
Lord, send us now success.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.*

*God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.*

*"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."*

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

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
    found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
    the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
    therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
    O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
    and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards  
    on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
    and shall enjoy the fruit.  
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
    in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
    to the LORD our God.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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  
**Thanks be to God**

*Unison*

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!

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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 Word of the Lord  
***Thanks be to God***

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor

*Officiant and People together*

*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 the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*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.*

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People: Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People: For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

**People: Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Officiant:

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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord lives, for death has no more power over him. And so we, God's holy church, proclaim the resurrection, saying, Christ has risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed.***

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we thank you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. We especially give thanks for those celebrating birthdays: Reed Halterman, Harriet Myers, Holly Pinheiro, Bao-Ling Adam, and Alexis Rumbaugh Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School and The Claiborne at West Lake. On this day, give us hope, for Christ has risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us. We especially pray for those in need of healing: Erwin Veale and Tish Kelly. For all suffering with COVID-19, and all who are anxious during this time. For all health care workers and for the CDC. For our prison system, the inmates, the staff of these facilities, and the ladies at Leath Correctional Facility. For a spirit of love and generosity towards all our neighbors. For the mission and ministry of Holy Comforter as we enter a new phase of our live as the virtual Community of the Beloved. For Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears (*Intercessions for the departed offered here*). For Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world. For Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

*Officiant and People*

***Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.***

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.*** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

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

***People (Especially children): Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

1. "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2. "The bread that I will give is my  
 3. "Un - less you eat of the  
 4. "I am the res - ur - - rec - tion,  
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - - lieve that

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -  
 drink of his blood, and drink of his  
 lieve in me, e - ven though you  
 Son of God, who has

me ev - er, un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 blood, you shall live for - ev - er."  
 die, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 come in - to the world.

*Refrain*

## SERVING TODAY

Officiant and Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor
Lector	Dr. Dave Blake
Musicians	Drs. Brad and Lucy Green
Live stream	Dr. Thomas Saunders – awarded a doctorate for meritorious service and because he is the only one who knows how to doctor the video equipment!

## VESTRY

Fred Hoogland, Sr. Warden, Dave Blake, Jr. Warden

Mallory Halterman , Steven Hahn,

Tab Carter , Bill Leibel