



**Liturgy of the Word  
Easter Sunday: The Sunday of the Resurrection  
Sunday, April 4, 2021**

**Happy Easter!**

No matter where you are worshipping this morning, at home or on the grounds, we are together as one parish family. The theme of today's service is—Alleluia! The word literally means, “Praise God”. For our cover, the artist Michael Podesta depicts the true meaning of the word in a circle, the unending hymn of praise to God for the resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ!

Surely, we are saddened by the loss of life from the pandemic and pray for those ministering in need. All of us miss our gathering within our sanctuary. However, we do not grieve as “those without hope” that comes from the risen Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:13) Our hope is in the Name of the risen Lord! Therefore, it is appropriate on this day that we light the Paschal Candle and renew our own Baptismal Covenant.

Thank you! We express our gratitude to all who have worked so carefully to provide for today's service. Thanks to Laura Harrigan for her careful attention to every detail to make this day as meaningful as it is safe.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Susan Hollinger who has been providing our hymns for our online services and for this Easter Day.

**Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ is risen today”  
King's College Choir Cambridge, England**

**A Media Presentation**

**THE EASTER GREETING**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria**

**Susan Hollinger**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

#### THE COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNDAY

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**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.*

#### THE LESSONS

##### First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

**Reader:** On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

##### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

**People:** Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

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

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

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

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

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

**Second Lesson: 1st Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Reader:** I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn 178 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”**

**Susan Hollinger**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Mark 16:1-8**

**Celebrant:** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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.” So 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.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Homily**

**The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. “Larry” Packard**

**Celebrant:** Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now as we continue amidst the pandemic and discern the next chapter in our parish, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

**Celebrant:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** 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.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** 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.

**Celebrant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Gracious heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us and empower us to keep our baptismal vows for the mission of your church through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### THE LITANY FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, in Baptism you have made us one Body in Jesus Christ. Inspire our witness to him through our parish family.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for bearing us through the pandemic. Grant that you might deliver us and all your people in the days ahead.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** We pray for those who are sick, especially those with Covid and all terminal illnesses, for those separated from their loved ones, whose cries are known to you alone. Bless those who care for them and those who labor for new medicines and vaccines.

**People:** We give thanks for your saving presence, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** We give thanks for those who have come before us. May their presence uphold us during this interim period and prepare us for our future.

**People:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Send your Spirit upon us and bind us together in the many ways that we have found to worship you.

**People:** Hear our prayers of thanksgiving, O Lord.

**Celebrant:** Grant that we might reach forth our hands in love in generous and creative ways to all those in need.

**People:** Send us forth for ministry, O Lord.

## THE PRAYERS

### Prayers for those on Our Prayer List

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others with a moment of silence.

**(Moment of Silence)**

### Reading of Names

### Prayer for Church of Our Redeemer

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## CONFESSiON OF SIN

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

**Celebrant 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.*

**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 always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Celebrant 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.*

### **Prayer of General Thanksgiving**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. On this Easter Day, we pray that you will open our eyes to see the light of your mercies, that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by living out your gifts of holiness and righteousness in the power of his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**Celebrant:** Please remember the words of the Lord Jesus and how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive.

### **THE BLESSING**

**Celebrant:** Go forth on this day with the peace and power of the risen life of Jesus Christ. May the blessing of God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and all you love. *Amen.*

**Closing Hymn 296 “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”**

**Susan Hollinger**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** I invite you to remain for our special presentation of the postlude.

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude “Hallelujah Chorus”**

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## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them

Barbara Wooten  
Stella Waltemeire  
Toni & Adrienne  
The Hollinger Family  
Don & Chris  
Bob Stewart  
Alan White  
Fred Warren  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula

Kathy  
Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Gwenivere Black  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.

Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*