

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT



WORSHIP AT HOME IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 4, 2021

11:00 o'clock a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Alleluia! *Christos anesti!* Christ is risen!

Gerard Manley Hopkins once asked that Jesus might “...*easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east...*”

Even in this time of global pandemic, when we must still pray and sing separated from each other, we know that the risen Christ is with us. And so we join today in whatever way we can, to sing boldly, to listen and pray with all our hearts, to break bread, and to find once again Jesus “eastering in us” and speaking his resurrection word: “Peace be with you! “

✠ During this service, the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.

✠ Please leave your device muted, except as indicated.

A voluntary is played on the organ:

Toccata in C BWV 564

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

The Celebrant begins with the opening acclamation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Leaving devices muted, we sing hymn 207 in The Hymnal 1982:

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!

Words Latin, 14th c., tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4 Ch. Wesley (1707-1788) • Music EASTER HYMN, from *Lyra Davidica*

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *A short period of stillness follows, then the Celebrant offers the Collect of the Day:*

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.**

We hear a reading from early Christian literature:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

Acts 10:34-43

Here ends the reading. *Stillness follows.*

As a meditation on the reading, the cantor chants a selection from the Psalter:

Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

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

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.

The Deacon reads from the Gospels:

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. *Mark 16:1-8*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ. *Stillness follows.*

The Sermon *The Preacher breaks open the Scripture.*

After a period of stillness, leaving devices muted all join in saying 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

The Leader says,

On this day the Lord has acted: let us pray for the world he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

That all people may receive the good news of your victory,
We pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism
may know the power of your resurrection,
we pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

That those who suffer pain and anguish, especially those who toil under racism and those who suffer from Covid-19, may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.

We pray especially for N., and those we now name in silence or aloud.

Stillness is kept, and names of those suffering may be spoken, with devices unmuted, or called to mind.

We pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

That in your undying love we may be united with all who have died with faith in you
[especially N.].

Stillness is kept, and names of those who have died may be spoken, with devices unmuted, or called to mind.

We pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

Commending this broken world, in which you rose from the dead,
to your mercy, healing, and protection.

we pray to you, O Lord:

Risen Christ, hear us.

The Celebrant concludes, saying

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands
open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says,

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming the peace that God makes with all people in Jesus, the People may greet each other with a sign of the Peace of Christ.

The Holy Eucharist

The Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Participating digitally, the choir sings an anthem:

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs
wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes:
Simon the leper's feast is o'er;
Christ today needs thy nard no more.
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice;
now thousand times uplift thy voice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Magdalen, bind up on thee now
garland of gladness o'er thy brow:
banished afar is grief and pain:
welcome is sunshine after rain.
For Jesus Christ the world hath freed,
triumphing over death indeed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Words *Pone luctum Magdalena*, medieval hymn tr. G.R. Woodward (1848-1934) • Music German tune, arr. Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

We join in singing a hymn:

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,
wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,
love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Refrain
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

Words John MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt. • Music NOËL NOUVELET, medieval French carol

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

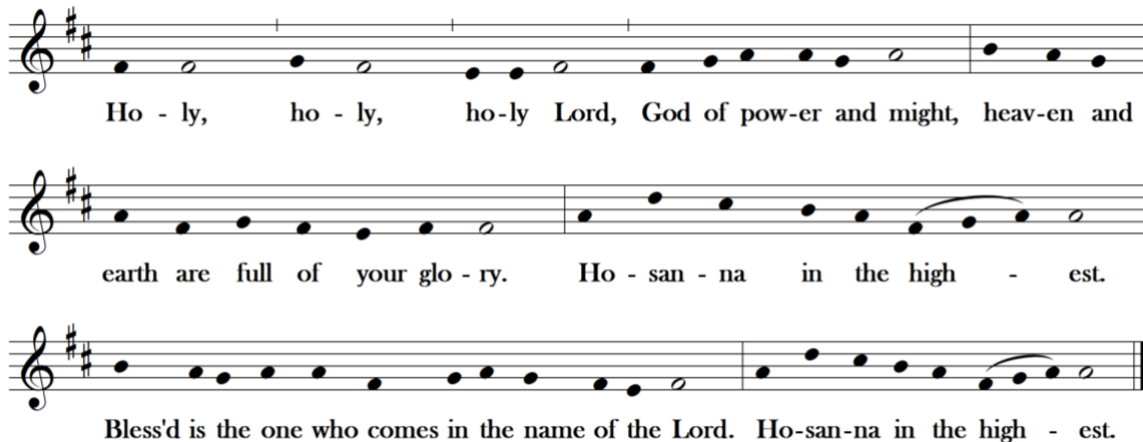
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and

source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Setting David Hurd (b. 1950), from *New Plainsong*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember (NN. and) all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember _____.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Paul the Apostle, Francis of Assisi, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer follows:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept, then she says,
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For those who will be consuming their own, unconsecrated bread or other food, the Celebrant offers an agape blessing:

O God, you reveal in each of your servants the signs of your presence:

As we gather we experience the spirit of your love.

In our companionship, in person or in this virtual time of gathering with one another,
we pray that your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All may now consume the blessed Sacrament or the Agape feast.

Then we join in singing a hymn:

1 Good Chris-tians all, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph of our
2 The Lord of life is risen to-day! Sing songs of praise a-long his
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which can-not
4 Your Name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with one ac-
5 To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, to God the Spi-rit, al-ways

1 King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 way; let all the earth re-joice and say:
3 die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
4 cord, the life laid down, the life re-stored:
5 One, we sing for life in us be-gun:

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

Words Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923–1987) • Music GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius (1560?–1616)

The Celebrant leads a prayer of thanksgiving. Leaving devices muted, all join in saying,
Blessed are you, O God.

**You bring forth nourishment and refreshment from the earth,
and you have fed us on our way with the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ.
Sustain us through the power of the Holy Spirit,
guide us in the way of your love,
and bring us to that day when we can once again share the bread of life
at the altar of your love.**

**As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,
so gather your Church in every place through your Son.**

**May this time together and moment of agape,
which is the selfless love we know through Jesus,
strengthen us in the coming weeks and months
as we prepare to serve as he did.**

To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the People, using these or other words:

**The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.****

The Deacon dismisses us, saying




Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

An organ voluntary follows:

Fugue in C BWV 564

J.S. Bach

Celebrant & Homilist Shannon MacVean-Brown  *Assisting* Greta Getlein  *Deacon* Stan Baker 
Cantor and organist Mark Howe, with the digital participation of
members of the choirs of St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington and St. Andrew's, Colchester
Virtual choir video produced by Michael Hartigan, Trinity, Shelburne

Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)



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