

The Feast of the Resurrection

Morning Worship for April 4, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Sentence of Scripture

One Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the first and the last, says the Lord – the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

(Revelation 1:17-18)

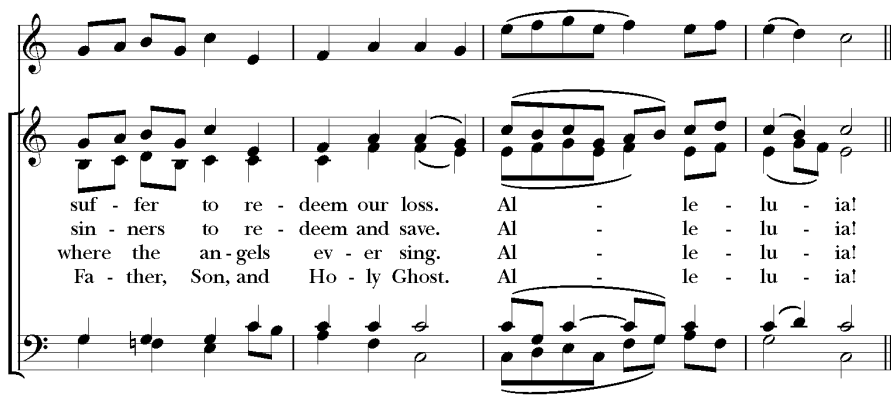
Hymn – Jesus Christ is risen today (*Lyra Davidica*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #207

Descant

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!



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Many **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

One Holy One, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 118 together, responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to God who is good, *
whose mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, ***
“God’s mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 God is my strength and my song *
and 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 Most High has triumphed; *
the right hand of the Most High is exalted; the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!”
- 17 **I shall not die, but live ***
and declare the works of God.
- 18 God has punished me sorely, *
but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness; ***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
- 20 “This is the gate of the Holy One; *
those who are 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 God’s doing, ***
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Holy One has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

At the end of the Psalm is said

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

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

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.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Glory to God

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.*

At the end of the Canticle is said

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

A Reading from The Gospel of John (20:1-18)

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.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by The Rev’d Lynnsay A. Buehler

The Baptismal Covenant

One Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends,
we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death,
and raised with him to newness of life.
Let us now renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

Many Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

One Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Many **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.**

One Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Many **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.**

One Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread,
and in the prayers?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
Many **I will, with God's help.**

One Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers

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

Created in the image and likeness of God, we pray to see God's image in one another.
May our lives proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Tested in our faith and strengthened by God's love, we pray for open hearts, that we may live to proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Liberated from sin and death by water and Spirit, we pray for those who do not share our hope,
that they may proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Sharing in the joy of the newly baptized, we pray for their growth unto the full stature of Christ,
that they may proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One Joining with those who share in the passion of Christ through illness, famine, war, temptation, and trial,
we pray for courage and strength, that those who suffer may proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

One United in our hope that we and all who die will live again, we pray for family and friends who have died
in the hope of the resurrection we proclaim:

Many **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

The Peace

One The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem – This Joyful Eastertide

words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1894)

music: from *Psalmen*, 1685; arr. Charles Wood (1866–1926)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

As per Diocesan guidelines, this Eucharist was prerecorded and Holy Communion will be distributed later at our Easter Creekside Communion offering (pre-registration to attend is required).

Hymn – Deck thyself my soul with gladness (*Schmücke dich*) – *The Hymnal* 1982 #339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

A Closing Prayer

All God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter celebration.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. *Amen.*

A Blessing

One May the One who creates and restores everything that is,
the One who is Mary's child and child of God,
the One who is the Holy Spirit,
May this Holy One bring you compassion and peace,
and bless your lives with Easter joy. *Amen.*

Hymn – That Easter day with joy was bright (*Puer Nobis*) – *The Hymnal* 1982 #193



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

Words: Latin, 5th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940 Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; acc. John F. Erickson (b. 1938) Copyright ©1982 by John Erickson. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Many Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!