



Easter Sunday 10am

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

May God's grace and peace be with you. **May God fill our hearts with joy!**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today CP 203

*Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

***But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angles ever sing. Alleluia!***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are set free from the dominion of evil and death. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er CP 212

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***The strife is o'er the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia!***

***Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!***

***He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumph tell: alleluia!***

***On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign.
O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!***

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee: alleluia!*

Let us pray: **Loving God, through an empty tomb you deliver us from sin and death, and bring us to new life. Grant us courage to enter into your abundant joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Psalm 118:14-24

God's faith - ful love en - dures for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!" R

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but 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;
those who are righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. RR

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should 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 someone 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 towards 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.

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The Tomb Is Empty! Come and See CP 230

***The tomb is empty! Come and see where once the body lay.
Can it be true that Jesus Christ is raised to life today?***

***The tomb is empty! Come and hear these words of life and peace:
"He is not here. He lives again in all your Galilees."***

***The tomb is empty! Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.
Christ lives in-deed. Alleluia! Believers, shout aloud!***

***The tomb is empty! Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord
in whom we have our victory, in whom is life restored.***

The Lord be with you. **Also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 16:1-8

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. 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.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
- *God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;*
- *those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;*
- *those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and*
- *prisoners and captives.*

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Stewardship Moment

Alleluia No. 1 CP 405

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.*

*We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.*

*Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his name.*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death.

The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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.

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

Lift High the Cross CP 602

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Peace was your pleas, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday – April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;

1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31