

# *Easter*

*The Feast of the Resurrection*

*April 12, 2020*



*St. Augustine's Church*

*A House of Prayer for all People*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today,  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once upon the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured,  
our salvation have procured;  
now above the sky he's King,  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love;  
praise him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### Easter Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

## Taize Gloria



*Celebrant*            May God be with you  
*People*                And also with you  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray together.

**O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The First Reading: 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."

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

- 1 Give thanks to God who is good; God's 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.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority

and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### Celtic Alleluia

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Meditation

**The Rev. Beth Sherman**

## The Baptismal Covenant

*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 that our Lenten observance is ended, 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.

*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* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*We invite you to add your intercessions after each bidding.*

### **Prayers of the People**

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead! You are eternal life, stronger than death. Open our eyes to see you as we ask for your merciful grace.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially....in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the land of the Holy One; for Michael our presiding Bishop and for Nicholas, our Bishop. We joyfully celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. Imbue your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all nations of the earth, especially..... God of Creation, you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Open our eyes to see the beauty of your cosmic weaving. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your reign of peace to all peoples. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our nation and its leaders. God of Hope, teach us the difference between reaching down and reaching out. Guide the privileged few who determine the destinies of the many. Lead us not only to share our wealth, but also to enter with hope into the poverty of others with less. We remember especially.....

For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for our community, especially those who have birthdays: Tammy Drake, Otera Rose Ortega, Nancy Taylor and Daniel Fisher.

God, who came to earth as one of us, help us to see you in each member of this community. Bless the many gifts of our members and keep before us the image of Servant Jesus, that in him we remain ready to serve one another and those whom you continue to bring into our midst. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who suffer and struggle, especially . . .

God of Compassion, open our hearts to bind wounds and heal in your name. Bless each person who asks for our prayers. Be present, through your people, to all who need your comfort. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, especially . . . that your will for them may be fulfilled. God who loved us from before our birth and who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection. And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured of that same hope. For this we pray,

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

As we celebrate Earth Day tomorrow, may our risen life include greater care of the creation you have entrusted to us. Help us to be champions for this fragile planet. We remember especially.....

For this we pray.

***Risen Christ, hear our prayer.***

*All* Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**Easter Collects          Vicar**

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

**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. 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, the power, and the glory now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Easter Blessing**

May you have the spirit of Easter which is PEACE.

The gladness of Easter which is HOPE.

The heart of Easter which is LOVE.

And the blessings of God, Creator, Redeemer and Life-Giving Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Hymn**

*“Come ye faithful”*

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- 1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke  
Jacob’s sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.
  
- 2 ’Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days’ sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.
  
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus’ resurrection.
  
- 4 Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb’s dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing

that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, Alleluia***

### **Postlude**

### **Announcements**

**In Our Parish, we give thanks for the following birthdays:** Tammy Drake, Otera  
Rose Ortega, Nancy Taylor and Daniel Fisher.



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