

Welcome to St. Augustine's
The Episcopal Center at URI

A House of Prayer for all People



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020

- 1 He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

- 2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore-
sin and pain can vex no more.

- 3 Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

- 4 He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Taize Gloria



The Collect of the Day (Let us pray together)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Holy One, “You are my God, my
good above all other.”
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O God, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set you always before me; *
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Celtic Alleluia *sung when deacon stands to read the gospel*



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a Celtic Alleluia. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The second staff continues the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! The piece ends with a double bar line.

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

The Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

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

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.

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of Ireland. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the people and clergy of San Jorge's, Central Falls and St Mark's Warwick; and for the leadership and students of St. George's School, Middletown. We joyfully celebrate your 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 wondrous 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 abundance, 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 for those in our Parish who have birthdays: Jennifer Snyder Beasley, Bob Richardson and Harper Letendre. 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. 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 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.

We pray that 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.

Celebrant: Let us pray together,

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.

Collects

The Rev. Beth Sherman

Celebrant Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying

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 forever. Amen.

Easter Blessing

- 1 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 2 Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 3 Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.
“Welcome, happy morning,” age to age shall say.
- 4 Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,
of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on.
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

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



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