

The Feast of The Resurrection

April 4, 2021

Prelude

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

Song of Praise **Great and Wonderful** (together)

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds
O Lord God the almighty
O Sovereign of the nations
- 2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O' Lord?
For you alone are holy
- 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence
for your just dealings have been revealed
- 4 To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen

Celebrant May God be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray together.

O God, the source of all insight, whose coming was revealed to the nations not among men of power but on a woman's lap: give us grace to seek you where you may be found, that the wisdom of this world may be humbled and discover your unexpected joy, through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

First Reading: 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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 8

“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: Acts 10:34-43

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."

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God**

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

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel 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 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.

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

Homily **The Rev. Beth Sherman**

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: Nicole Antaya, Connor Gilmore Hall, Michaela Betty Kelly, Hector Derreza, Katherine Bell, Dennis McLeavey and Susan Stiles.

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.

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.

The Peace

The Holy Eucharist (Responses to be used during the Eucharist follow.)

Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	May God be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with yourself
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts
<i>People</i>	We lift them up to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray together.
God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, Jesus declared your love, gave us grace, and opened a new way of living. May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. 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.

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

Easter Flowers

In loving memory of Joan Arrigan *by Janice Arrigan*

In loving Memory of and Thanksgiving for the life and love of David Bates, *by Jane Bates and family.*

In loving Memory of Frank & Janice DiMasi and Richard W. Berggren, *by Richard and Carol Berggren.*

In loving Memory of The Rev. Donn Brown and Carey Cobb, *by Nancy Brown.*

In Thanksgiving for Family and Friends, *by Nancy Gavitt.*

In loving Memory of Bob Richardson, *by Marianna Richardson.*

In loving Memory of Wilbur & Virginia Sherman, Ruth Hall, Miles Mitchell Kallman, Ruth Hall, Jean Springer and Peg Kaplan, *by Beth Sherman.*

In loving Memory of David L. Terry and Jennifer Terry and in Thanksgiving for St. Augustine's Members and Friends, *by Jan M. Terry.*

In loving Memory of Elizabeth Aitkenhead and Sean Tully, *by Amy Tully.*



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