



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Greeting and Introduction

Hymn **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Minister Out of the darkness of grief and despair
comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Minister We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.
And it is true. Christ is risen!

All **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Minister We hear a voice call our name,
and we know our risen Lord
is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

All
Christ is risen, indeed!
Thanks be to God!

Confession and Absolution

Minister As we prepare to worship almighty God on this Easter Day, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister Most merciful God,

All
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.

Minister 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.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures for ever.’

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.’

**I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Gospel John 20.1-18

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

Minister The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Regis

Apostles' Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
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, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

The Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All 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; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that
trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and
ever. Amen.**

Minister In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
“Hear us, Lord of glory!”

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the **Lord. Hear us, Lord of glory!**

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord. Hear us, Lord of glory! That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Minister

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before you our common supplications, and you have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. So, Lord, fulfill now the desires and prayers of your people in ways and to degrees that are best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn Alleluia! The Strife is O'er (vss 1, 4, 5)

In our prayers this week

The Anglican Communion: Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One

The Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle

ACC The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Manitoba Central Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

The Diocese of Toronto: The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee: Pray for the clergy and people of St Christopher, St Clement, St Cuthbert and their outreach activities

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