



# Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

## Greeting and Introduction

**Hymn**            **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**Minister**        Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**Celebrant**        May God's grace and peace be with you.

**People**            **May God fill our hearts with joy.**

**Minister**        Almighty God,

**All**                    **to you all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God**

Minister

Glory to God in the highest,

All

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Minister

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**

Reader         The Lord be with you.

**All                And also with you.**

Reader         The Holy Gospel of 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.

Leader

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!**

Leader

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.**

## **Invitation to Confession**

Minister      You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

## **Confession**

All              **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all, we acknowledge and confess our many sins, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our misdoings. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from now on we may always serve and please you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit, to the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Minister      Almighty God our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who turn to him with heartfelt repentance and true faith: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Comfortable Words**

Minister      Listen to our Lord Jesus Christ's words of assurance to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (*Matthew 11.28*)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

The apostle Paul says: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15)

The apostle John also says: If anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 2.1-2)

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Minister The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, mighty Creator, and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with the whole company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in your tender mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his once and for all offering of himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He instituted and in his holy gospel commands us to continue a perpetual memorial of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we who receive this bread and wine according to your Son Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most

blessed body and blood.

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying:

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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and Thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ, our great high priest; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant that by the power of your life-giving Spirit we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, and that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this bread and to drink this wine, that our bodies and souls may be cleansed by Christ's body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Spiritual Communion**

**All** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all in heart, mind, soul, and strength. In the absence of receiving you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. In this moment, increase our faith and trust as we remember your words, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'. As though you have already come, I embrace you and ask never to be separated from you. Amen.

### **Prayers after Communion**

**Minister** Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us of your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of your everlasting kingdom.

**All** **And here we offer and present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. 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)**

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**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 Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:** Pray for the clergy and people of St Barnabas, Chester; St Bartholomew; St Bede and their outreach activities

**The Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle**

**ACC** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

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

**The Church of St Mary and St Martha**

Celebrating a birthday: Leila Francis

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