

Alleluia!

The Lord is Risen Today

Easter Day

April 12, 2020

9:00am

Prelude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Clergy Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Blue Hymnal 207

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy Let us pray.

This is the day, Lord God, that you have made! Raising Christ from the dead, and raising us with Christ, you have fashioned for yourself a new people. In the beauty of this Easter morning, set our minds on the new life to which you have called us; place on our lips the words of witness for which you have anointed us; and ready our hearts to celebrate the festival, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. We ask this through your Son, the Christ our Passover and Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

The Day of Resurrection

Blue Hymnal 210

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 The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and he 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 Lord has triumphed!
The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is 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 the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Sequence Hymn

Christ is Alive!

Blue Hymnal 182

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28: 1-10

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

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 worshipped 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, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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

Leader

Given new life by the risen Christ, let us pray for all who stand in need of grace, hope, and life.

A brief silence.

For the church made alive with Christ, that it would bear witness to the wonder of the resurrection through word and deed.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole world, that the crucified and risen Christ will mend what is broken and fill all corners of the earth with justice and peace.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For Creation, that we may have wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature responsibly that generations to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are overshadowed by illness of body, mind, and spirit, especially those we now name _____, that the Holy Spirit's healing and life-giving presence will touch their lives.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That all who await new life, those about to be born and those about to die, will know Christ's presence with them.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

That with all the faithful who have died, especially those we now name _____, we will join in songs of praise at the victory feast of God who triumphs over death and gives eternal life.

God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Clergy

Gracious God, we give you thanks. Hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen one, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Easter Music

The Trumpet Shall Sound (The Messiah)
solo: Michael Larkin

G.F. Handel

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from St. Patrick, c.389

The Lord's Prayer

Easter Blessing

May Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life...
May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you...
May Christ who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy...
And the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

He is Risen, He Risen!

Blue Hymnal 180

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

The Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah)

G.F. Handel

