

Alleluia!

The Lord is Risen Today

Easter Day

April 4, 2021

9:00 am

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

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Alleluia!

Welcome

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.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

That Easter Day with joy was bright

Hymn 193
(vs. 1,3,5)

That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost we raise.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16: 1-8

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

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’ body]. 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. [And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

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

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.**

Leader

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.**

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

Anthem

Christ the Lord is risen today

Hal Hopson

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life gain he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls.

Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Spiritual Communion Music

Adoro Te

Sam Batt Owens

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

(Vs. 1,2,4,5)

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
We sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Finale from Symphony V for Organ

Charles Marie Widor