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Easter Day

April 12, 2020

Hymn #

Prelude

*Thine Is The Glory
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Handel/Young
Handel

207 Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2. 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!**

**3. 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!**

**4. 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!**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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Pascha Nostrum

Sine Nomine

**God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us;
therefore with joy we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin, we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Now Christ is raised and will not die again;
death has no more dominion over him;
through him we die to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead
though Adam's sin had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:1-6

Lector A reading from Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (all chant the psalm on the following tone)



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- 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.

The Epistle Colossians 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Children's Sermon

208 Sequence Hymn *Alleluia, The strife is o'er*

Victory

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

**2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!**

**3. The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**

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

**5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.**

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord 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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***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.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People for Easter Day

written by Deacon Ormonde Plater, alt.

Filled with joy on this royal feast of feasts, let us offer prayers to God who leads his sons and daughters through the Red Sea waters.

For the holy churches of God, Rob our bishop, the presbyters and deacons, this holy online gathering, and all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who are seeking comfort and health, including

Katherine Ward, Ashley Burnett, Jeanine Wilson, Al Coward, Randy Tyler, Ben Procter, Joan Leggett, Kay Barnacascel, Becky Godwin, John Tolbert, Coley McCally, Karen Gudiksen, Bobbie and Rendol Cobb, Libby Smith, Marian Watts, Lena Evans, Charles Taylor Spruill, Larry Watson, Julia Credle, Joey Ezelle, Racheal Coward, Peggy Parker, Karol McLaughlen, Sylvia Dawson, David Dunn, Elsie Benson, Hunter Stone, Brian Stone, Riley Raines, Jack Cooper, those who are suffering from COVID 19 including Marc Rentzer, and others known to us...

that you would give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead, especially Bob Holtz.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That our Savior may grant us triumph over our visible and invisible enemies.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering St. Thomas, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the victory over death of your Son Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this holy day, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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***

The Blessing

179 Dismissal Hymn

Welcome happy morning

Fortunatus

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the Dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

2. Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. (Refrain)

3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. (Refrain)

4. Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. (Refrain)

5. Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! (Refrain)

6. Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain:
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! (Refrain)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
*People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Postlude

*Alleluia from "Exultate, Jubilate"
Toccata in F Major*

Mozart/Smith
Buxtehude

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Lector: Emily Wilson

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