



EASTER SUNDAY at St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich, Rhode Island

April 12, 2020

Prelude

Bruce Dearnaley, towerbells

Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn of Praise 207

Easter Hymn of Praise

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:1-6.

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 merry-makers. 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."

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.

A Reading from Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43.

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.

Gradual Hymn 204

Noël nouvelet

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,
 wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,
 love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Refrain
 Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeller 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 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

who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant 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.

The Prayers of the People

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and who now lives in the glory of the Father, let us lift our voices in praise, saying: Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for the holy church of God throughout the world striving to be people of the resurrection. For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for our world: for its nations, leaders, and peoples. For Donald our president, and Gina our governor. For those called to protect and serve this and every land; especially the members of this community serving in the military. As we glory in the Lord's resurrection may we strive to live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for whole world in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray for those who are ill and those who have died. For doctors, nurses, first responders, and researchers caring for those in need and searching for answers of healing. For those tasked with making decisions for the welfare

of all people. For all of humanity that we might be relieved of anxiety, fear, and hardness of heart. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for the needs and concerns of this community, for the homebound, those fed and clothed by our outreach ministries, and for those on our prayer list: David Rodriguez, Patsy Tracey, Margaret Poole, Julian, Miesh, Larry Baxter, Steve, Balmore Alvarez, Brayden Mossey, Leo, Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, James Rugliano, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Natalie Cockrell, Bud Cockrell, Sarah Stevens, Beth A., Jean R., Susan H., John D., Heather MacQueen, Stephen C., Fred Stahle, Lori, Ethel Marie, Bob D., Elaine James, Liz McClintick, Bruce, Theresa Deiters, Linda, Patty M., Jeanne, Rose C., Maria, Rich Fogarty, Jack Cornell, Lois Hunter and Gary Bellows.. May those who suffer pain and anguish of any kind find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

We pray for those who now share in the resurrection of Christ. For those who have died and those who will die this week. We pray especially for Richard Stevens, James Hoblick, Barbara Fleming, Grace Tutton, and Matt M., and their family and friends in their time of grief. Through the undying love of Christ may we be united with all who have died in the glorious kingdom of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

Following in the example of blessed Luke our patron, let us commend the world, for which Christ died and rose again, to the mercy and protection of God. Risen Lord, **we bless you, Alleluia.**

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 Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

An Easter Table Liturgy During This Time of Pandemic

Presider Let us bless the Lord at all times.

People His praise shall ever be in our mouths.

Presider We will glory in the Lord.

People Let the humble hear and rejoice.

Presider Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord.

People Let us exalt His name together.

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast, may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The first followers of Jesus gathered for a meal on Sunday much like we are gathered to day. At their meals they remembered Jesus' life and service to others, his death and his new life.

So today we do the same, remembering that Jesus is here with us, for he said, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them."

The presider lifts a loaf of bread, saying,

We give you thanks O God our Father for the life and knowledge you have given us in Jesus, your Servant. And we thank you Holy God, for the manna that rained down upon our ancestors in their wilderness times.

People Glory to you now and forever.

The presider lifts a cup of wine, saying,

Presider We thank you Holy God for the holy vine of David, your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus.

People Glory to you now and forever.

Presider As the grains of this bread were once scattered upon the hills, becoming one loaf, and the fruit of this vine, once crushed became wine to quench the thirst of the world, so gather your people together from all over the world into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love, with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Glory to you now and forever.

The presider and people together say,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you have given us the risen Savior to be the shepherd of your people: Lead us, by him to the springs of living waters, and feed us with the food that endures to eternal life; where with you, O Father, and with the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People Happy are they who trust in Him!

All eat.

A prayer upon the completion of the meal

We thank you, holy God, for your holy name which you placed in our hearts, and for the knowledge and trust that you have made known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank you holy God for the food and drink you have provided, that we might find ourselves strengthened and renewed.

Remember now your church. May our healing come and this crisis pass away. Equip us to share your goodness with family, friends, and strangers. Free and protect us from all evil. Make us perfect in your love and gather us in your kingdom. For yours is the power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 180

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast,
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Allegro from Concerto in C* Johann Sebastian Bach

Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Dante A. Tavolaro, Associate Rector
 The Rev. Christine Cassels, Deacon
Minister of Music: Rodney Ayers
Choirs: Canterbury & St. Cecilia Choirs
Instrumentalists: Christian Marrero, trumpet
 Michael Sartini, timpani
Cantor: Arielle Rogers
1st Lesson: Deborah Collins
Psalm: Corie Jacaruso
2nd Lesson: Steve McLoughlin
Prayers: Sarah Curtis

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