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The Sunday of the Resurrection: **Easter Day**



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The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Procession to the Altar Hymn #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 in the highest, and peace to his 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.

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 Acts

(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.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 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.
- 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.
- The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A Reading from Colossians (3:1-4)

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.

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

Gradual Hymn# 673, vss. 1-2 The First one ever

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (28:1-10)

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn# 673, vs. 3 The First one ever

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

The Renewal of the Baptismal Vows [Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 292]

Prayers of the People

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise. Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

That our world may know the blessings of life in you.

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

That Christ's Body may be One.

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine. That we may be an Easter people.

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

That they too may share in your abundant life.

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

That they may rejoice in your presence forever

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Sabah - (South East Asia), Sabongidda-Ora -(Nigeria), Saldanha Bay - (Southern Africa), Salisbury - (England), El Salvador - (Central America), Sambalpur - (North India), and The Episcopal Church of Sudan; The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially Emmanuel, Eastsound; Christ Church, Blaine; and our parish; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially for those we now name;

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Marilyn, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Leanne, Garry, Nancy, Emerson, Dan, Nadia, Peyton, Samanda, Lee, Marie, Robert, Hope, and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, especially those we now name:

We praise you and bless you, O Christ. We praise you and bless you.

Celebrant

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.

> *In keeping with the ancient custom of the* Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with

vou.

And also with you. People

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory

Our Easter Day loose cash offerings go to our Outreach Fund, which directly funds outreach projects and partnerships within our community.



Revolutionary

By Barney Hartley Barney Hartley, guitar

The Great Thanksgiving - A

The Celebrant faces the people and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People

It is right to give him thanks and

praise.

The Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

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**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept..

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

All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one <u>or</u> both of the elements or receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.

If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.

Communion Music

In Christ Alone
By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Barney Hartley, guitar

Alleluia, He is Coming

 I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-coming.
 I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road.

Refrain: Alleluia, he is coming; alleluia, he is here; Alleluia, he is coming; alleluia, he is here.

- 2. I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-weeping. I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-weeping for my sins.
- 3. I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-dying.
 I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-dying on the cross.
- 4. I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-rising.
 I looked up, and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

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.

The Easter 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 Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Procession to the Neighborhood Hymn #178 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

St. Matthew Mission Statement To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the laye of Christ

values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!