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Easter Day

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TELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE RESURRECTION* OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ~ EASTER DAY. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ \sim Easter Day

April 9, 2023

Solemn High Mass, I0:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

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Mass Setting: Mass of St. James

Walter MacNutt, 1974

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

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Voluntary: Sarabande for the Morning of Easter

Herbert Howells (d.1983)



Hans-Johann Rottenhammer 1564-1625

The Procession

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.



Station at the Font

Celebrant: The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia:

People: Who for our sake hung upon the tree, alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

GOD, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him in Baptism, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 207, v. 3



Station at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace

Celebrant: In thy resurrection, O Christ, alleluia: People: Let heaven and earth rejoice, alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for that thou hast delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and hast brought us into the kingdom of thy Son; and we pray thee that, as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to joys eternal with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints; through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 207, v. 4



Concluding Collect at the High Altar

GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast 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 the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.



Introit (choir) Resurrexi Mode 4

am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia: thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia: thy **I**knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect for Purity

LMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy ▲ mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

McNutt Kyrie eleison (choir)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]

Gloria in excelsis, from Grace Mass

Edward Wagner, 1987

After the singing of "Glory be to God on high," bells may be rung by all in the church.

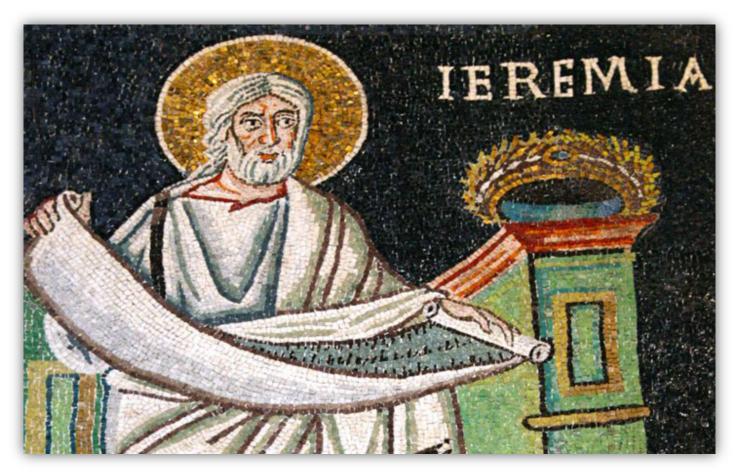


The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Algebraic Algebraic Adeath and opened unto 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 thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*



The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31: I-6 (NRSV)

Ashall 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."

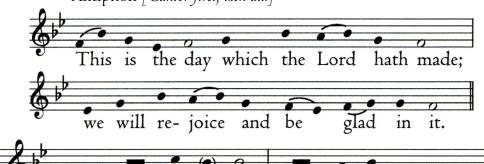
The Word of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.



(Congregation sings the italicized verses)

Antiphon [Cantor first, then all.]



- I O GIVE thanks unto the LORD for he is | gracious;
 - * because his mercy endur- eth for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now confess that he is | gracious, * and that his mercy endur- | eth for ever.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my | song; * and is become | my salvation.
- 15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the | righteous; * the right hand of the LORD bringeth | mighty things to ^ pass.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD hath the pre- emi^nence;
 - * the right hand of the Lord bringeth | mighty things to ^ pass.
- 17 I shall not die but | live,
 - * and declare the | works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD hath chastened and cor | rected ^ me;
 - * but he hath not given me | over unto ^ death.
- 19 Open me the gates of | righteous^ness,
 - * that I may go into them and give \mid thanks unto the \land LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the | Lord,
 - * the righteous shall | enter into ^ it.
- 21 I will thank thee; for thou hast | heard me,
 - * and art become | my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders re- | fusèd,
 - * is become the head-stone | in the corner.
- 23 This is the LORD's | doing,
 - * and it is mar- | vellous in our ^ eyes.

[All repeat antiphon.]

The Epistle: Colossians 3: I-4 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Since 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.

The Word of the Lord.



The Alleluia Pascha nostrum

Tone VI

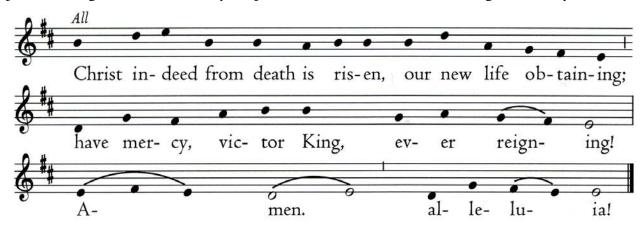


Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

The Sequence (choir) Victimae Paschali laudes

Mode I

CHRISTIANS, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep credeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest way-faring: "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you."





The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 28: I-10 [RSV]

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People: ★ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

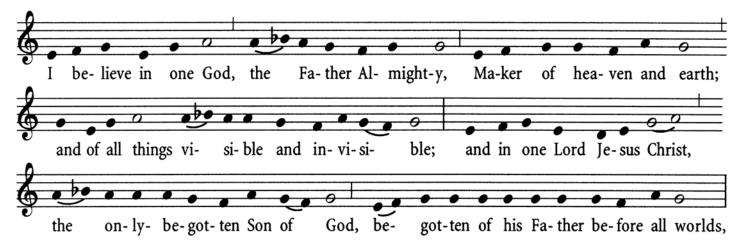
The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.



The Sermon

The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp, Rector

The Nicene Creed (all stand)



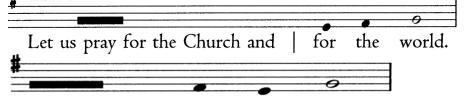




The Prayers of the People

Form IV

Leader:



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (Silence)



Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [especially N.]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

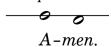
Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (pause); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (pause); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. People



The Peace (all stand)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the

Most High. Psalm 50: 14

The Offertory (choir) Terra tremuit

Mode 4

The earth trembled, yea, and was still: when the Lord our God arose to judgement, alleluia.

Anthem (choir)

Horatio W. Parker (d. 1919)

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply,
While He the King, the mighty King,
Despoiling death of all its sting,
And trampling down the powers of might,
Brings forth His ransomed Saints to light.
Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry.

That Eastertide with joy was bright, The sun shone out with fairer light, When to their longing eyes restor'd Th'Apostles saw their risen Lord: He bade them see His hands, His side, Where yet the glorious wounds abide; These tokens true which made it plain Their Lord indeed was risen again.

O Jesu, King of gentleness Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess; That we may give Thee all our days, The tribute of our grateful praise.

O Lord of all with us abide, In this our joyful Eastertide; From ev'ry weapon death can wield, Thine own redeemed for ever shield.

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



All praise be Thine, O risen Lord, From death to endless life restored, All praise to God, the Father be, And Holy Ghost eternally.

Alleluia. Amen.





Presentation of the alms and oblations

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God

the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his

holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

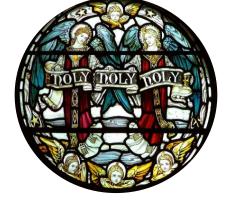
BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus (choir)

W. MacNutt

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.



Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." *

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." *

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

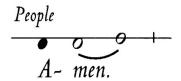
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, * be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

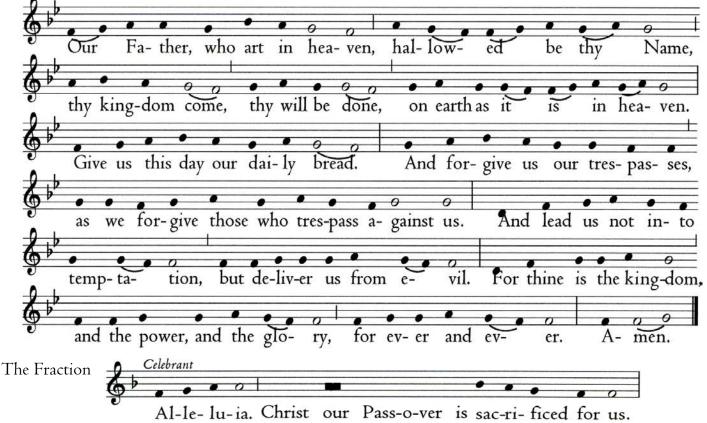
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

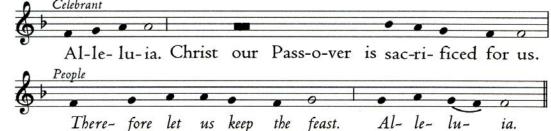
 $B^{\rm Y}$ whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,







Agnus Dei (choir) W. MacNutt

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (said by all)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

TX7E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that

Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the

word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (choir) Pascha nostrum

Mode VI

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (said by those worshipping virtually)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Regina coeli (choir)

Gregor Aichinger (d. 1628)

REGINA coeli laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

[O Queen of Heaven, be joyful, alleluia; for he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia, hath arisen as he promised, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.]

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

MAY Almighty God, who hath 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 hath raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen*.

May God, who hath bought 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Last Gospel St. John I: I-I4

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (Here genuflect) And the Word was made flesh, (Here rise) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.



Fra Angelico





Voluntary: Grand choeur dialogue

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April 9, 2023 - Easter Day (A)

Week 1: Reflections on the Resurrection: The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

This is a different Easter message. I've shared Easter messages from Jerusalem some years ago, and I have shared Easter and Christmas messages from a variety of locations. Last year for Christmas, we were in San Diego. Today I'm in Paris, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. We just finished a revival—over 50 young people and some 300-400 people from all over Europe who came for this revival service. It was a remarkable thing to behold and be part of.

The Convocation here in Europe is engaged in incredible ministries, with some joining together with Episcopal Relief & Development to make it possible for resettlement of those who are refugees from war and famine, particularly those who are refugees from Ukraine.

Thinking about it—I realize not only with this view—but with the reality of Easter looming on our horizon, John's Gospel opens: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then there is a point in which it says, of Christ coming into the world, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it."

On that early Easter morning, John says in his 20th chapter, that early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. They went to the tomb after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. They went to the tomb of their world having fallen apart. They went to the tomb of all their hopes and dreams having collapsed.

But they got up and they went anyway. They went to perform the rites of burial, to do for a loved one what you would want to do for them. They went, following the liturgies of their religion and their tradition, and, lo and behold, when they went, they discovered that, even in the darkness, the light of God's love, the light of Jesus Christ—the light of Christ, as we say in the Great Vigil—in fact, was shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Jesus had been raised from the dead. He was alive, and darkness and evil and selfishness could not stop him. Love—as the old song says—love lifted him up.

We are here in Paris, this wonderful city. While there are protests going on in the city—garbage has not been collected, and it's all over the city—we are here in Paris, in Europe, with refugees streaming into this continent from all over the world, impacted by changes in weather pattern, impacted by war and famine. We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it. Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings. From Paris, I'm Michael Curry. God love you. God bless you, and the light shines in the darkness, wherever there is darkness. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.



April 9, 2023 The Feast of the Resurrection

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.

Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- Bishops and Clergy: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Chuck, our Vocational Deacon Intern.
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; and recovery ministries.
- Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church): Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- Thanksgiving and Celebrations: We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Fr. Max Maxwell & John Mucha Jr. (both on Tue,), whose birthdays we celebrate this week.
- Sick or in need: Sally; Kenneth & Adrianne; Elaine, Tom & Daisy; Margaret; Nelda Sue; Tom; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Stephen & Ratana; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig, & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Maria; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Laurie; Dave; Robert; Jerome; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Diane; Nazra; Susan & Nalbra; Diana; Donald; Eugenia; Jean; Lesley; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- The Deceased: We pray for the repose of Larry Ludwig, Phil Grant, The Most Rev. Frank Griswold, III, The Rev. Elizabeth Page Rogers, Edward Bethel, Valencia Bastian, all soldiers & civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from CoVid-19, and in memory of William F. Burns, Charles William Knapp, Betty Phillips, Robert "Ben" Morse, and all those remembered in our Easter Memorials.



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

EASTER DAY, Sunday, April 9 THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass with hymns

10:30 a.m.: Procession and Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)

MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK, April 10

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer **6:00 p.m.**: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK, April 11

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK, April 12

9:15 a.m.: Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's

6:00 p.m.: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK, April 13

8:00 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

Sunday, April 16 The Second Sunday of Easter ~ Low Sunday

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)

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