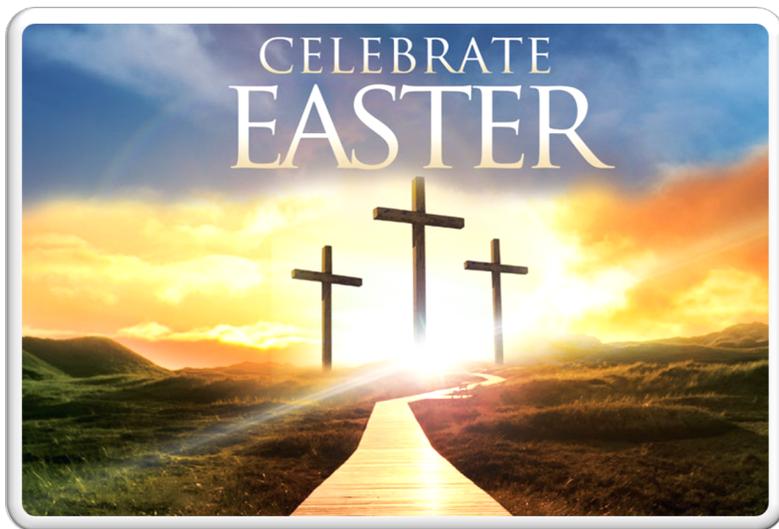


The Great Celebration of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020



WELCOME TO ALL AS YOU JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

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Call to Worship

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Thine Be the Glory – Common Praise # 210

Refrain Thine be the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay. *Refrain*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of Life;
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above. *Refrain*

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for the Day

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son,
you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all
things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus
Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is
alive, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life. **AMEN.**

First Reading – 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.'

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

Psalms 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 marvellous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

So 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God – Common Praise # 242

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood made us free to be the children of God. *Refrain*

2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength
and honour, blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

3. Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb for ever. *A-men. Refrain*

4. For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia! *Refrain*

Gospel – John 20:1-18

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

[Act of Praise - Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!](#)

[Introduction to the Renewal of Baptismal Vows](#)

The Rev'd Robert Clifford – All Saints Anglican, Windsor

[Thanksgiving Over Water](#)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

[Affirmation of Faith](#)

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

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

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Reflections on the Baptismal Promises in the midst of the Easter Light

The Rev'd Paul Poolton – St Augustine of Canterbury Anglican, Windsor

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in
Christ?

I will, with God's help.

The Rev'd Robert Clifford – All Saints Anglican Downtown, Windsor

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

I will, with God's help.

The Rev'd Elise Chambers – Southern Trinity Parish, Colchester & Harrow

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

The Rev'd Sharla Malliff – St James Roseland Anglican, Windsor

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and
respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

Closing Baptismal Renewal Prayer

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by
water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of
sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – Tune CP # 320

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds
"Christ has triumphed! He is Living!"

Sing choirs of angels loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here;
Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu-ia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu-ia!

Oh, fill us Lord with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph!

Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say,
Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu-ia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heavenly blessed sing;
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!

Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest most holy God
All the glory. Never ending! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu-ia!

Prayers of the People

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast
of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our
witness in Jesus' name.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For pastors, teachers, and ministers, especially our bishop Todd and
all pastors offering God's word in a different way this year that they
be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of
evil;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may
practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and
suffering as means of control;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its
resources and share in its abundance;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray.

AMEN.

What are you thankful for? An Act of Praise This Easter Day

The Rev'd Paul Poolton – St Augustine of Canterbury

Invitation to the Offering

God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts, thoughts, hopes, and dreams to God's care.

The Day of Resurrection – Common Praise # 205

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain.
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Noe let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen their note of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Thanksgiving over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father who art in heaven ... For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. And the blessing of God ... **AMEN.**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today -Common Praise # 203

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!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the resurrected Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!