

EASTER DAY ~ APRIL 12, 2020

THE PRELUDE My Spirit Be Joyful *from* “Easter Cantata No. 146” J. S. Bach

THE INTROIT Christ Is Arisen, Let Us Sing V. Leisring, arr. K.T. Kosche

THE OPENING HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly 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!
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE ACCLAMATION *Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen! *People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE GLORIA Christ has Conquered Joseph Noyon

People and Choir: **Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forever more!** Repeat
Choir Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People and Choir: **Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forever more!** Repeat
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now and forevermore, world without end. Amen.

People and Choir: **Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forever more!** Repeat

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-8; 12-21

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN 96 The Day of Resurrection *Ellacombe*

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, list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heav'ns 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 notes together blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

THE GOSPEL (*standing*) John 20:1-18

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Easter: The Keystone of the Faith* The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

THE NICENE CREED (*standing, in unison*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*pray responsively*)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.*** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.*** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.*** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; ***That they may be delivered from their distress.*** Give to the departed eternal rest. ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.*** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

CONFESSION OF SIN (*in unison*)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION AND COMFORTABLE WORDS

THE PEACE (*Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. People: And with thy spirit.*)

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hallelujah Chorus *from* "Messiah" G.F. Handel

THE DOXOLOGY HYMN *Vigiles et sancti*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. ***And with thy spirit.*** Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up unto the Lord.*** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. ***It is meet and right so to do.***

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797 Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven 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 in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712 Healey Willan

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We 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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

By Faith

Keith Getty, Kristy Getty, Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His Name. *Refrain*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.