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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Sunday 19 April 2020

|The Preparation & Gathering|

Choral Prelude

“I come to the garden alone”

AUSTIN MILES (1868 - 1946)



The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lesson

Ezekiel 37. 1

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Psalm 126

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vISFQHqzZg0>

Reflections

Easter is a great feast of music and liturgy when we enter into the story of the road to the cross and the joy of resurrection. This year it has been very different and it is important that we recognise and lament that sense of shared loss that has occurred because of the coronavirus, but we can also use this as an opportunity to keep this feast in a new and personal way.

The Epistle

I St John 5. 4

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood: and it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life; and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life.

The Holy Gospel

St John 20. 19

The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

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, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped 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 Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you
People **And also with you.**

The Anthem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooNBtP5DuaU>

|The Prayers of the People|

Intercessor In joy and hope let us pray to the Father. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection.
We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That all of us finding ourselves in situations of self-isolation, quarantine and lockdown may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter.
We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Continued

Intercessor That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, especially praying for the poor and all migrant workers in our country. We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them. We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That he may protect and shield all who are in the frontline of the pandemic: Doctors, nurses and all medical staff. We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day. We pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |



*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
 All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.
 The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
 giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
 "eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",
 although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
 The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the
 Body of Christ of which we are members.
 In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
 to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."*

|The Thanksgiving|

The Benediction *The Presbyter*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
 And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Devotional song

"In Christ Alone" JULIAN KEITH GETTY (b. 1974) & STUART TOWNEND (b. 1963)

The Dismissal

Presbyter With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † God's healing hand on all those who are unwell with COVID-19
- † God's presence with all bereaved families.
- † the World Health Organisation as it coordinates relief measures.
- † all countries and our Government as they implement measures for the good of all.
- † God's protection for all in the medical fraternity.
- † all scientists and pharmaceutical companies; that a cure may be found.
- † all pupils whose examinations have been postponed; remove all anxiety from them.
- † the worshipping community here at the Cathedral; especially those who at this time are separated from their loved ones
- † all the young working people in the congregation. Help them in the present situation as they work from their homes.
- † in the Diocese: for Khrista Prakash Church, Mulund and the Revd Anand Borde.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Gujarat and the Rt Revd Silvans Christian.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Malabar and the Rt Revd Royce Victor.
- † the Church in Ireland in the Anglican Communion.

~~~ Birthdays this week ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Anuradha Patil (19), Gopa Khandwala (21), Arina Magar (21)

FOR OUR CITY AND WIDER COMMUNITY

We commend to your keeping, Father,
ourselves and each other; our families and our neighbours;
our friends and all the people of this City.
By your Spirit enable us to live in love for you and for one another.
Help us to lay aside our own concerns.
Focus our attention and care upon all who are most vulnerable
and isolated among us.
May we first pursue the good of those
who are most anxious, fearful, sick, and the lonely.
May we mirror to others, the Fatherly attention and care you daily show us.
Amen.

(Prayer sourced from The Anglican Province of New South Wales, Australia)

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