



EASTER DAY

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

St Thomas' Cathedral, CNI - SUNDAY 4th APRIL, 2021 - 9am

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INTROIT

This joyful Easter-tide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Lord, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.

*from The Cowley Carol Book
(arranged by G. R. Woodward & Charles Wood)*

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluya

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross the grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

But the pains that He endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!

*Words: Lyra Davidica, 1708
(based on, Surrexit Christus Hodie, c. 14th cent.)*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech Thee, that as by Thy special grace preventing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God world without end. All respond: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12: 21

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them. Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as He hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, what mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went away and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

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

CANTICLE: THE EASTER ANTHEM

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast.
Not with the old leaven, of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over Him.
In dying, He died to sin once for all:
In living, He lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead:
the firstfruits of those who sleep.

For as by man, came death:
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

THE EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3: 1

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth: For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

He is risen, He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore —
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

Words: Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 -1895)
Tune: Neander, by Joachim Neander (1650 -1680)

THE GOSPEL ALLELUIA

THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST JOHN 20:1

When the Gospel is announced: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, they have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid Him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre; and he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie; and the napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in

a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

This is the Gospel of the Christ.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ

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 SHARING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, „Peace be with you.“ then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you
And also with you. Alleluia.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Protect and strengthen all those who are in the front line fighting to save lives. For all doctors and nurses, especially for the health care workers of our city's Municipal Corporation. May your healing hand work through them. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry especially those who have been displaced and have lost their livelihood in recent days. Nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way of the cross. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the struggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, resurrection and the life, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service. Jesus, Lord of life.

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE PRAYER

God of Promise and God of Hope, who through your great mercy have granted us new birth through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we praise your wonderful name! God of Glory and God of might who through your great power have granted us new strength to endure all things through faith in Christ our risen King, we praise your wonderful name

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with Him in His risen life: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen

HYMN

Thine be the glory, Risen conquering 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: Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets thee; risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. *Refrain*

*Text: Edmund Bury (1854 - 1932)
Tune: Maccabeus by G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)*

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!