



*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
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Easter Day
April 4, 2021 9am*

Ministers of the Liturgy

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Musicians:

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Opening Hymn *Jesus Christ is risen today!*

Hymnal #207

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!

Opening Acclamation:

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise

Christ is Arisen

The Children's Choir

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to 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 your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dave Clinkman **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [25:6-9]**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Ginny Starkis **Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures forever."

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 marvelous in our eyes.

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

James Jones **A Reading from the Book of Acts [10:34-43]**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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**



The Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John [20:1-18]

Glory to you Lord 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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation Celtic Alleluia Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker



Sermon

Lisa Ruggiero Prayers of the People

Awake O sleeper, rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O church, and rise from death. **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, and rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might honor one another.

Awake, O People, rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, that they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, and rise from death, **And Christ will give you life!**

Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!
Alleluia!

Closing Collect: O God, worker of wonders, you made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us always, set our hearts on fire, and open our eyes, so that we may see him at our tables, the Christ now entered into glory, firstborn from the dead.
Amen

Musical Meditation

Jeff Lukas

The Holy Communion

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his

friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: *Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me.* As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: *Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.*

Gathered in our own homes, as your children, we are made one body in Jesus Christ, Who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We share in offering our gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you our lives. Pour out your Spirit upon this offering, that it may be for us the body and blood of Christ, drawing us together as one Spirit in you. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for in Christ we all share in the one bread, one cup

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. We believe you are truly present in the sacrament, and we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you and embrace you with all our love. Come to dwell within us in the fullness of your strength and in the holiness of your Spirit, and let us never be separated from you. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn *That Easter Day*

Hymnal #193

Cathy Poch, soloist

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ, you are risen with the sun; you are light in our darkness. May we find our true place in your living body. May the new covenant through us bring healing and reconciliation to this wounded world. Alleluia! You are risen. We are risen with you. Praise and glory to the living God. **Amen.**

Blessing:

May Almighty God, who has 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 has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Postlude*Toccata*

Charles-Marie Widor