



## Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 - 10am

### The Gathering of the Community

HYMN

*Tremble*

Peace, bring it all to peace  
The storm's surrounding me  
Let it break at Your name  
Still, call the sea to still  
The rage in me to still  
Every wave at Your name

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, You make  
the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear  
Jesus, Jesus, You make  
the darkness tremble  
Jesus, Jesus

Breathe, call these bones to live  
Call these lungs to sing  
Once again, I will praise  
Refrain

Your name is a light that the shadows  
can't deny

Your name cannot be overcome  
Your name is alive, forever lifted high  
Your name cannot be overcome  
Refrain

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

It is Easter Morning. The most important day of the year. The most important day in all of history. A day celebrated by millions and millions of Christians all over the world. A day in which we celebrate the light of Christ the light of His resurrection.

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end - all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to Jesus belongs all glory and power, through every age and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

*The minister lights the Easter Candle*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia! CP 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!

and grave, alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then  
let us sing, alleluia!  
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
who endured the cross

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!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

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 forever.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us 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 whom God appointed 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.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 118: 1 - 2, 14 - 24*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel say:  
'His love endures for ever.'
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my defence;  
he has become my salvation.
- 15 Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:  
'The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
- 16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high;  
the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
- 17 I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- 18 The Lord has chastened me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.  
19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
20 This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.  
21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.  
22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
23 the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
24 The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.**

THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11*

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends each burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us has died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days  
Adored and magnified.

THE GOSPEL

*John 20: 1-18*

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 went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?' Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

Brit, Seth, & Eve Enriquez

THE SERMON

Reverend Seth Enriquez

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM PROMISES

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Today we renew our commitment to following Jesus and the promises made at our own baptism. To be baptised in Christ means we die to our old self and are reborn as disciples and followers of Jesus.

Together we declare our common faith in Jesus Christ. Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who took human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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

**I will, with God's help.**

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.**

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.**

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 forever. Amen

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

#### CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE 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.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)*

See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb  
filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from  
the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord  
raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope  
bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen  
from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes  
faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with  
pow'r and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won  
Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is  
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## HOLY COMMUNION

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore with angels and archangels, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us; **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

*I Danced in the Morning*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon, and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance then wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance said He  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me  
I danced for the fishermen - for James and John  
They came with me, and the Dance went on. Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame  
The holy people said it was a shame  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high  
And they left me there on a Cross to die. Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone  
But I am the Dance and I still go on. Refrain

They cut me down and I leap up high  
I am the life that'll never never die  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me  
I am the Lord of the Dance said He Refrain

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the  
knowledge and love of God.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Alleluia - Alleluia - Alleluia.**

*Join us for our virtual Church ZOOM Coffee hour.*