



# A Virtual Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020



*Loving God and neighbor, 125 years and counting...*

## Organ Prelude

Prelude on “Alleluia, O sons and daughters let us sing” (Hymn 206)

*Setting: Jacques Bethier (1923-1994)*

## Introit

This is the day the Lord hath made

*Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### The Collect for Purity

**Celebrant** 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.**

**Hymn 207** (stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Tune: Easter Hymn*

### Collect for Easter

**Celebrant** 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.**

### The First Lesson

**Jeremiah 31:1-6**

**Lector** At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion,

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People** Thanks be to God.

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

*The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk (\*).*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim, \*

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song, \*

**and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*

**the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live, \*

**and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD has punished me sorely, \*

**but he did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; \*

**he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD'S doing, \*

**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the LORD has acted; \*

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **Second Lesson**

**Acts 10:34-43**

**Lector** 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."

**Lector** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 28:1-10

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospeler** After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Gospeler** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Nicholas M. Morris-Kliment

### **The Nicene Creed**

**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People, Form III**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 387*

*If you choose, now is a time to use the chat function to share your petitions and thanksgiving with God and the community.*

God our Father and Mother, 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, deacons and lay ministers;

**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.**

And in this time of pandemic we offer these special petitions:

*adapted from Times and Seasons, Church of England*

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery: Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions: Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health: Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace: Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For first responders and nursing home workers, For clerks in fulfilment centers and delivery drivers, For all the invisible men and women who are holding us together, That they may receive the respect that is their due, Lord, hear us,

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## **Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem** Christ is risen! Christ is risen!

*Martin How (b. 1931)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

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

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Celebrant** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All** 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

### **The Invitation to Mindfully Continue our Eucharistic Fast**

*The people say this prayer together:*

**All** My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in this Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come now spiritually into my heart. Believing that you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn 174** (stanzas 1, 2, and 4) At the Lamb's high feast we sing

*Tune: Salzburg*

### **The Easter Blessing**

**Celebrant** May God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into the disciples, empower you and fill

you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity, be among you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

**Hymn 210**

The day of resurrection!

*Tune: Ellacombe*

**The Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Organ Postlude**

Chorale Prelude

“Christ lay in the bonds of death,” BWV 625

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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