

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



**Sunday of the Resurrection – Easter Day
April 12, 2020
10:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist**

Gather

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

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!

But the pain which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Easter Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.

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."

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

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

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

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!
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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.

A reading from Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gradual Hymn “Alleluia No. 1”

Chorus

Alleluia alleluia

Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia alleluia

Give praise to His Name

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth

He is the King of creation

Verse 2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth

Jesus has died and has risen

Verse 3

We have been crucified with Christ

Now we shall live forever

Verse 4

God has proclaimed the just reward

Life for all men alleluia

Verse 5

Come let us praise the Living God

Joyfully sing to our Saviour

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John 20:1-18

People Thanks be to you O Lord.

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.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Peter Stube

The Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

The people remain standing as they are able for the prayers.

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud)

Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We bid your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Daniel, and for the leaders and ministers of our parish. Pray for the church.

We bid your prayers for the well-being of all people and nations; remembering our president, the Congress of the United States, Governors of our States, and Heads of the nations that they may lead wisely in this dangerous time and care deeply for the Common Good of the people of the earth committed to their care. Pray for health and peace on the earth.

We bid your prayers for those who live alone and those who are now isolated from family members, for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the sick. We especially ask healing and strength for June, Margaret, Brian, Dorothea, Lou, Millie Graf, Norman Milnes, Clara Bradbury, Ryan Mellor and Elisabeth Neu. And others we name in the silence.

We bid your prayers for all your children around the world who struggle to find peace and health in this time of pandemic. As our eyes are firmly fixed on you, help us find your way through this time. In this time heal us and give us new vision to anticipate the changed world we will encounter when the pandemic is past. Prepare our hearts to embrace your future.

We bid your prayers for families as they gather at home as a result of schools closing early and jobs ending, allow them to find grace, strength and hope. Bind them together in encouragement, healing, and unity around your throne.

We bid your prayers for those who are dying alone during this pandemic and for their families who are unable to be with them. May they find their hope in God who awaits us all in his nearer presence.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women who are working to protect our nation at this time of need. These prayers are for all who work in essential jobs; grocery workers, doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, administrators, food workers, cleaning staff, clerks and all those who serve in hospitals, medical offices, retirement centers and testing centers. We also pray for the researchers who are working to develop new medicines and vaccines to fight Covid-19.

We bid your prayer for God's grace and guidance for "first responders" and law enforcement officers in our communities, as well as those on active duty in our military services; especially Alex Oliver, Evan Farren, Andrew Pascuzzi, Steven Masker, Connor Kreston, Jon Clark, Chris Fanizzi, Kyle Beck, Jaime Johnstonbaugh, Justin Miller, Michael Selner and their families. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the day when this crisis has passed, that we may be ready to face that day with hope and new vision, because during this time we have followed your Holy Spirit step by step, responding in joyful obedience to your daily guidance. May we rest in the assurance that "All our hope on God is founded".

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Peace

The Holy Communion

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

“This prayer is an ancient prayer of the Church. It’s old forms can be found in St. Augustine’s Prayer book, and in every Intercession Paper of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. At this time of the Virus when we cannot be physically present, it can become a way to receive a spiritual communion as we watch a living streaming Mass.”

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 him thanks and praise.

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Easter 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.

Parish Announcements

Closing Hymn

“Sing to the King”

Verse 1

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

Verse 2

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King