

The Episcopal Church of St. Simon and St. Jude
Our mission is to welcome, to rejoice, and to be Jesus in the world.

Day of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide

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Hymn 179

Welcome, Happy Morning!

- 1 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say:
 hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
 Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
 Him their true Creator, all his works adore!
 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 2 Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
 all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
 bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
 speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.
 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 3 Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
 hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
 Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
 Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.
 “Welcome, happy morning,” age to age shall say.
- 4 Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
 thou from heaven beholding human nature’s fall,
 of the Father’s Godhead true and only Son,
 mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on.
 “Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.
- 5 Thou, of life the author, death didst undergo,
 tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
 come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,

'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan’s chain;
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!
“Welcome, happy morning!” age to age shall say.

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People Rejoice and be glad!

Celebrant Heaven and earth will never be the same.

People Rejoice and be glad!

Celebrant The stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty.

People Rejoice and be glad!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria

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.

Celebrant Let us pray.

This is the day, Lord God, that you have made! Raising Christ from the dead, and raising us with Christ, you have fashioned for yourself a new people, washed in the flood of baptism, sealed with gift of the Spirit, invited to the banquet of the Lamb!

In the beauty of this Easter morning, set our minds on the new life to which you have called us; place on our lips the words of witness for which you have anointed us; and ready our hearts to celebrate the festival, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

We ask this through your son, the Christ, our Passover and Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A reading from Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

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, to the LORD our God.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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!
 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.

THE SECOND LESSON:

Reader A lesson from Paul's letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, our triumphant holy day,
 who did once upon the cross, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above praise eternal as his love;
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL:

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you Lord Christ

SERMON

Musical Meditation

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for those who have come through the waters of rebirth into the promised land of your eternal kingdom. Guide all your baptized people who struggle to know and to do your will in the kingdoms of this world, that by their lives they may show forth the new life in Christ to all nations.

We ask your blessing on those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your dominion in the earth.

We pray for the sick, especially Dick, Mike, Lauren, Judy, Stephanie, Erinn, Laura, Carol, Marge, Edie, Louis, Beth, Shelby, and those we now name, either in our hearts or on our lips.

We pray for the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and hungry, the dying and those who mourn for them.

We remember those celebrating birthdays: Sandy Bosworth, Jim Burton, Sarah Abdelnour, Charlie Genova, Martha Shepard and Pat Woolley.

We remember those who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruit of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

Most Holy One, We give you thanks for the abiding presence of your Son in both word and sacrament. And we look forward to the day when we will be able to be together and feast on the true bread from heaven. Help us set our minds on things above, that we may gain a new perspective on the things that are on earth. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Times of Sickness and Peril (offered by Ken Armstrong)

O God, our protector whose encompassing love is both our refuge and our strength, we your children urgently need your aid against a sickness that imperils all your people. We pray that in your great love and mercy you will protect and spare us amidst this trial.

We need your sustaining presence and ask for enduring patience and unfailing courage to face an uncertain future. Through your love unite us as neighbors, communities, and nations so that we may join together with unreserved compassion and generous support.

Give to those leading us and to those tending the ill, wisdom, skill, and fortitude in their labors. Give us all the strength and resources to succeed in our daily tasks. With your mighty power shield all who serve from the dangers that beset them.

Dear Lord, by your deep love soothe and heal the afflicted; comfort the dying and uphold those who care for them. Console those who grieve. Ease our fears and embrace the isolated and lonely, hearten the sad or distressed, and rejoice with those who recover or remain safe.

Lastly Lord, we trust that you will offer a safe anchor in the storm and that you will be our constant hope through this trial and into a better world you have made for us. All this we humbly ask in the name of Christ Jesus, your son, who as one of us healed the sick and taught us to love one another always. *Amen*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Savior taught us

Officiant and People

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 Celebrant says

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The priest blesses the people, saying

May almighty God redeem us and make us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord.

May God, through the water of baptism, raise us from sin into newness of life.

May God bring us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 182

Christ is alive!

Truro

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
- 3 Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4 In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Lift high the cross Nicholson, arr. Tucker