

## Morning Prayer: Easter 2 Apr. 19, 2020 [congregation parts in bold]

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death, \*

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die, \*

**so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 16** *Conserva me, Domine*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods \*

**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**  
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**  
I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**  
You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### **First Lesson**

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’”  
“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

**The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

**Second Lesson**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,

kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith

for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice,

even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,

so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that,

though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor

when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him;

and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him

and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A Song of Praise**

*Benedictus es, Domine*

*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**  
Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## **Gospel**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Homily

### The Nicene 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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray together.

*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.**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
 R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
 R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Officiant and People together:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**