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Bridgewater, NJ



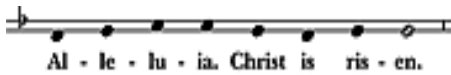
The Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection: Easter

April 17, 2022, 10:30 am

Please stand to sing

Opening Hymn and Asperges: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Hymnal 1982, 207



Glory to God

Hymnal 1982, S-278 (Matthias)

The Collect of the Day

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 forever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Please be seated.

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." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 118:14-17; 22-23

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it.

Ant: On this day, the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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: (Ant)

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. (Ant)

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. (Ant)

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able

The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.



Verse: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia is repeated

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Alleluia is repeated

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

Remain standing, or kneel

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, who gives Life to all.
That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world,
especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and William, our diocesan bishop, may be
refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find strength in the good news of Easter,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lack food, work, shelter, or medicine may be blessed with provision,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That war, famine, and plague may cease in all the world, especially in Ukraine,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to the sick, the weak, and the
dying, to comfort and sustain them, especially—
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection
may be raised on the last day, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant O God, worker of wonders, you made this night for joy and gladness, yet you
also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to
you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now
entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

Please be seated.

The Offertory Anthem *Christ Has Risen!* Handel/Arr. by St. James Music Press editors

Good Christians all rejoice and sing; To all the world glad news we bring.
Let all the earth in triumph say, The Lord of Life is ours today!
For Christ is risen from the grave, born to be conqueror, born to save.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn *He Is Risen!*

Hymnal 1982, 180

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into a covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced your people and filled them with longing for a peace that would last, and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, our Savior, the living bread in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though he himself would die. And with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross and surrendered his spirit for our salvation.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks, O God. He broke the bread among his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine, and again he gave you thanks and praise. He passed the cup among his disciples, and said, Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, we plead with confidence the sacrifice of Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Eternal God, we offer you these earthly gifts of bread and wine. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them and sanctify them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son. Sanctify us also, and unite us in one body into the likeness of your Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and in union with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, prophets, martyrs, St. Martin of Tours, and all your Saints, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 forever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
*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 Fraction

Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal 1982, S 155

Invitation

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his Supper

Choir Anthem *O Christ, Our Joy and Gladness*

Carlton T. Russell

O Christ, our joy and gladness, O Dayspring of our night.
We come with fear and sadness at Easter dawn's first light:
The stone is laid aside. Death's wrappings now lie useless, O wondrous Eastertide!

With Mary we've stood weeping, not knowing you are there,
With death a vigil keeping, hearts half set on despair.
Now life's no more the same: as once you spoke to Mary, you call us each by name.

Rabboni, Teacher, Savior, You ask us now to go
by voice and by behavior to tell all what we know.
Enlightened by your Word, we'll share our joy and gladness, for "We have seen the Lord!"

*Now the Green Blade Riseth
Come, Risen Lord*

*Hymnal 1982, 204
Hymnal 1982, 306*

Post-Communion Prayer

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Hymn *The Day of Resurrection*

Hymnal 1982, 210

Serving Today

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Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

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