

3-31-2024 Easter Sunday

Processional Hymn *Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today* Hymn 207

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!

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

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.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray

O God, who made this holy morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited —

and he has saved us! This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

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

The psalm for this morning is 118.

Psalms 118:19-24

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

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.

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians *1 Cor. 15:1-11*

My friends, I want you to remember the message I preached and that you believed and trusted. You will be saved by this message, if you hold firmly to it. (But if you do not your faith was all for nothing.)

I told you the most important part of the message exactly as it was told to me.

This part is:

Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say.

He was buried, and three days later he was raised to life, as the Scriptures say.

Christ appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After this, he appeared to more than five hundred other followers. Most of them are still alive, but some have died.

He also appeared to James, then to all of the apostles.

Finally, he appeared to me, even though I am like someone who was born at the wrong time. I am the least important of all the apostles. In fact, I caused so much persecution for God's church that I do not deserve to be called an apostle. But God treated me with undeserved grace! He made me what I am, and his grace was not wasted.

I worked much harder than any of the other apostles, although it was really God's grace at work and not me. But it does not matter if I preached or if the other apostles preached. All of you believed the message just the same.

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

Gradual Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks* #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Mark 16:1-8*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his

disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gradual Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *Christ is Alive!* #182

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.

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.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

The Nicene Creed and Confession are omitted on Easter Sunday

The Prayers of the People

Lord, we give you thanks and praise for rolling away the stone of death so that all might follow your path of resurrection. We pray for the Church, for All Angels, for all the churches on our island, and for Temple Beth Israel. Roll away the stone of isolation and doubt so that all who seek you will find you. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders that they will work with a spirit of unity in our communities and nation.

We pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Roll away the stone of willful disobedience and bring us your peace. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who serve our community especially those who protect us at home and abroad. We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy,

Barbara, Kim and Lou. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Mary Jo. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine and Caitlin. We pray for those recovering from surgery, especially Josh and Philip.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara and Todd. Roll away the stone of fatigue and bring your healing and peace to all who suffer. *Silence*
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer.

We pray for all who grieve. And, we pray for all the saints who have rolled away the stone of disbelief and carried the light of Christ from generation to generation.

To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Guide us to live into your Beloved Community; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

We present Jaxson Robert Erker to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Let us join with Jaxson, who is being bound to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Let us now pray for Jaxson who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Musical reflection (*The catechumen and family and congregation recess to the baptismal font*)

We thank you Almighty God for the water of Baptism. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jaxson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Jaxson, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Jaxson the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace.

Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Together, let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *Christ The Lord Is Risen Again*

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

**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**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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.**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright # 193

1 That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out
with fairer light, when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded
hands and feet he showed; those scars their solemn witness
gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

3 O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts
possess that we may give thee all our days the willing
tribute of our praise.

4 O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed
for ever shield.

5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead,
again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the
Holy Ghost, we raise.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise* #214

1 Hail the day that sees him rise glorious to his native skies; Christ, awhile to mortals given, enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

2 There the glorious triumph waits; lift your heads, eternal gates! Wide unfold the radiant scene; take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

3 See! he lifts his hands above; See! he shows the prints of love: Hark! his gracious lips bestow, blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, raise our hearts to reach thy height, there thy face unclouded see, find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia