

## 4-5-26 Easter Sunday

**Processional Hymn**      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*    #207

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

Hymns of praise then let us sing, unto Christ, our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured; now above the sky he's King, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above praise eternal as his love; praise him, all ye heavenly host, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **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**

Introduction: Happy Easter! Today's lesson is St. Peter's speech that features what he himself witnessed about the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles    *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 honors and respects 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**

The psalm reading is from Psalm 118:1-2, 13-16

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim,

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

I was pressed so hard that I almost fell,

**but the LORD came to my help.**

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:**

"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.**

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians *Colossians 3:1-4*

If you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #209

We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice, and cry, 'My Lord and God!'

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** *Matthew 28:1-10*

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn**    *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

**Reflection Hymn**     *This Joyful Eastertide*

**The Nicene Creed**     *(The word “catholic” means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

***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

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. *Silence*

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

We pray for those who suffer chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Agie, Eric, Amy, Trude, Donna, Beverly, Carling, Carol, Rafaela and Ed.

We pray in Jesus' name for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia,

Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

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.

*Silence*

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.**

***The Confession is omitted during the season of Easter***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

**Offertory** *In Thee Is Gladness*

Robert Hobby

## The Doxology

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

## The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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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.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**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.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.*

**Communion Music**

David Stasney

**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**

*Alleluia Sing to Jesus*

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Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for  
me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the  
crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy  
throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh,  
our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

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Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**