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EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.           April 12, 2020

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
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April 12, 2020 The Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

**Processional Hymn** (vss. *1 and *2)

**Hail Thee, Festival Day**

Text: 79 77 with refrain; Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, ca. 530-609; tr. composite.
Music: SALVE FESTA DIES; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider*  Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People*  The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity**

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.**
Hymn of Praise

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 Collect of the Day

Presider   The Lord be with you.
People     And also with you.
Presider   Let us pray.

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.

The Word of God

The People are seated for

The First Lesson: 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 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."

*Lector* The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures forever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim,*  
"His mercy endures forever."

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: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have 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.

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

The People stand as able

The Gospel Procession Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Hymn 178
Refrain: 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. (refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. (refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever. (refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. (refrain)
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18).

**Gospeller**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The homily

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Mayer
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;
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who 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

Almighty God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Scott, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, deacons and lay leaders;
That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Betsy, our Mayor;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; For those in command of the military and all who serve, and their families at home;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; We pray for first responders, nurses, doctors, all medical professionals and hospital staff, for their skills and for their safety during this COVID-19 Pandemic. And we ask your blessing on those we now name _______.
We pray to you, O Lord,
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest,
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)

Presider  We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may love and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Presider   Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace
Presider   The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People     And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory
   Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn 192                This joyful Eastertide                GEORGE WOODWARD

This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain:
   Had Christ, that once was slain,
   ne’er burst his three-day prison,
   our faith had been in vain;
   but now is Christ arisen,
   arisen, arisen, arisen.

   Death’s flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
   Lord of all life, from ill my passing soul deliver. (Refrain)

   My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
   till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. (Refrain)

Doxology                -THOMAS KEN, 1674, WITHalleluias

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People 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; 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:

Sanctus

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.

The People stand or kneel as able, then the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in calling ancient 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,
Presider and People

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 the 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,
All 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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

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

The Communion of the People

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Congregational Hymn (vss. 1, 2, and 4)

I Am The Bread Of Life

VERSES

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe shall not thirst.
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and you who eat of this bread shall not die.
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.
4. If you believe in me, even the Son of God, Who has come into the world, you shall live forever.
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the resurrection; I am the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come to me unless the Father beckons.

REFRAIN

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, on the last day.

The People stand or kneel for

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Easter Blessing
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, 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 what is pleasing in his sight.

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

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

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

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he’s king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

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

The Easter Dismissal
Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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