

Easter Day

April 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

Prelude

Cantate Domino

John Rutter

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hymn #207

Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
But the pains which He en - dured, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Praise our God, ye heav'n - ly host, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - - le - lu - ia!

The Opening Acclamation



Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People God has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

The Gloria

Rutter

13 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'ly King, al-
25 might-y God and Fa - ther, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
40 Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
56 of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For
70 you a-lone are the Holy One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:1-6

1st Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God."

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 118

Marty Haugen

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad! _____

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say "his mercy endures forever!" (Refrain)

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, his right hand is exalted.

I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. (Refrain)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! (Refrain)

The Second Lesson Acts 10:34-43

2nd Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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."

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Procession

Alleluia

Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

† The Sermon

The Very Reverend Paula Vukmanic

The Nicene Creed

All 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

(the People read the responses in bold)

Gracious God, after his resurrection, your Son Jesus Christ was present with his disciples for many weeks, and blessed them with peace, teaching them to love all people. As his disciples in this age, let us follow in the way of the risen Jesus with the resilient power of your love.

Grant to this family of St Francis the grace to inspire one another to good deeds, encouraging one another in the risen Jesus. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Bless all with wisdom, especially civil and religious leaders. Help us to remember that even though the future is hidden from human view, your divine guidance is always available.

My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices.**

Protect those who protect us, especially first responders, those in our armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, and all the thousands whose names we do not know. We pray for the welfare of the world. My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind or soul, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, and Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now...
(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). Your mercy endures forever.
My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, and from the consequences of natural disasters. Jesus Christ the wounded healer has overcome all that can threaten us.
My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

We pray in gratitude for all the blessings of this life and the grace to face our challenges...
(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud). We give thanks for the peace of the Christ.
My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Bring eternal life to those we love but see no longer, O God, especially those we name to you now...
(Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.) Awake, O Saints, in eternal Love.
My heart, therefore, is glad **and my spirit rejoices**.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, giver of life and health: comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus.

Give your healing power to all the doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs. Bless all who labor in essential work and services so the necessities of life are available. May all of us be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid. Help us practice safety for ourselves and others. Inspire us to reach out with the power of healing love. We pray to be faithful and hopeful through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome

Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

The Anthem

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W. J. Stopford

*St Francis Choir (compiled from individual singers recording their part on their cellphones);
brass; Jill Lynch, solo*

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain. Hark! Angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high. Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we, too, sing for joy and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

*He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save. Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of Kings!
Alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; Take our sins and guilt away. Let us sing by night and day
Alleluia!*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

An Easter Blessing

Celebrant God our Creator, whose love raised Christ from the dead; God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has given you new joy in an Easter faith; God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower and fill you with Christ's peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.



All Amen.

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and sor - row! My
 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the riv - er; Lord
 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son slum - ber, 'til

7
 Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath sprung to life this mor - row.
 of all life, from ill my pass - ing life de - liv - er, Had
 7 trump from east to west shall wake the dead in num - ber.

12
 Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain; but

12
 18 now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en!

Postlude: O clap your hands

John Rutter