

MORNING PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Riverside, CT
April 19, 2020

Prelude

Opening Hymn

193: That Easter Day with joy

Vs. 1: That Easter Day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light. When, to their longing eyes restored
The -a-postles saw their risen Lord.

Vs 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.

Vs 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

Opening verses

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord Open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

First Cantic Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.
 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.
 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adam all die, *
 so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

The Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine**Read responsively by whole verse*

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
*All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, **
upon those who are noble among the people.
 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
*Their libations of blood I will not offer, **

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.
*My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; **
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
 my heart teaches me, night after night.
*I have set the Lord always before me; **
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
 my body also shall rest in hope.
*For you will not abandon me to the grave, **
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Together
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.
 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.
 You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Here ends the reading.

Second Hymn

208: “The strife is O’er”

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vs. 1: The strife is O’er, the battle done The victory of life s won The song of triumph has begun Alleluia

Vs. 2: The powers of death have done their worst But Christ their legions hath dispersed
Let shout of holy joy outburst Alleluia

Vs. 3: The three sad days re quickly sped, He risen glorious from the dead
All glory to our risen head Alleluia. (Refrain)

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Here ends the lesson.

Canticle M *A Song of Faith (From Enriching Our Worship 1)*

1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
 by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
 Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
 we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
 The ransom that was paid to free us *
 was not paid in silver or gold,
 But in the precious blood of Christ, *
 the Lamb without spot or stain.
 God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
 so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
 Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Rev. Fr. Eric E. Fialho

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
 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.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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

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 that trespass
 against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom,
 The power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Suffrages

(From Enriching our Worship1)

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
 R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
 V. Look upon your congregation;
 R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
 V. Declare your glory among the nations;
 R. And your wonders among all peoples.
 V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
 R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
 V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
 R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
 V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
 R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn

205: Good Christians all

Vs 1: Good Christians all rejoice and sing; Now is the triumph of our King.
 To all the world glad news we bring; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vs. 2: The Lord of life is risen today! Sing songs of praise along his way; Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vs. 3: Praise we in songs of victory; That love, that life, which cannot die; And sing with hearts uplifted high; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Additional Intercessions

The Officiant and people will pray for...

The Universal Church
 The Nation and all in authority
 The welfare of the world
 The concerns of the local community
 Those who suffer and those in any trouble
 The dead

The General Thanksgiving

Said together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Postlude