Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Rite

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

The Celebrant says:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

and blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

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

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

The Celebrant and People together all say:

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may continue for ever with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

All sit.

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 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 of 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 made him appear, not to all the people, but to us who were chosen beforehand by God to be 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."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Remain seated.

Psalm 118:1, 14-17, 22, 24

Confitemini Domino

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

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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:

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"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.

℣

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

℣

On this day the Lord has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae.

Since 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 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.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

All stand.

Priest

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory 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 were moving toward the tomb. Both were moving together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrapping 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 had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for 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 down to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, seated 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 spoken, 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, "Rabboni!" (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.

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Peter W. Nielsen, III

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

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

Celebrant

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

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
he suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and 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

Bend.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

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.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

[For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.]

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Put out Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Put out President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this city Storm, village, _____, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

[For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.]

For the good earth God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

[For those who travel on land, or water, or in the air (or through outer space), let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.]

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

[For _____, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.]

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and despitation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

[For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.]

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

[*Defend us, deliver us, and by the compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.*

Lord, have mercy.]

In the commemoration of _____, and of all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Hence.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All stand. The Celebrant says:

The Peace

the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. - *Psalm 50:14*

All things come of Thee O Lord and of thine own have we given Thee

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to share your life and joy, and you never cease to call your children from the ends of the earth to share in your kingdom. Your Word, your Wisdom, your Son, your Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, not in the unity of one person, but one in your one person, three in one sharing partner. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit:

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Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.]

[Remember those whom we remember this day with gifts to the Altar Guild so that flowers will grace your altar in days to come.]

Kelly McKissick, given by Sherrie and Larry Daly

Jamie Korb, given by John and Barbara Korb

James L. Weidig; John & Nettie Appleby; and Arnold & Ethel Weidig given by Nettie Weidig

William H. Phillips, Jeanette & Ellsworth R. Marteeny, Sam, Sandra, Helen, & Sam N. Phillips, Kay Wagman, Gerald Berrier, Anita Melaragno, Keith Flack and Loved Ones, given by Hazel Phillips

Nancy Custead, Ruth & Denzel Fulmer, Helen Tingle, and Gary Johnson, given by Bill and Connie Dixon

Kathryn, Jason, & Robert Dixon and Marcus & Evelyn Hanna, given by the Dixon Family

Jean C. Rose, Deborah Rose, Richard C. Rose, Jr., and Ralph Rose, given by Dick Rose

The Tyler & Diehl Families and by Tom Tyler

The Gramley-Morris Family, given by Howard & Hopsie Lines

The Wardell, Wilpula, Barnes, & Saturday Families, given by Carol Wardell

John Leombruno, Jr., given by Mary Ann Leombruno

Nellie & William Thompson, and Lee Theis, given by Billie & Dale Theis

Ronald M. Bienko, given by Janice Bienko

Bill Regner, given by Jean Regner

Irene & Harold Berthoff, given by Jay, Karen & Kayla Berthoff

Allan & Alli Wrightnour, Tom & Arlene Lorentzen, given by Jean Wrightnour, OD

To the Glory of God, given by Joan Sutherland Gray

In Thanksgiving for children and grandchildren, given by the Rev. Peter and Laura Nielsen

In Celebration of her baby granddaughter, Luna Rei Ziegler, given by Melyssa G. Ziegler

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ

has taught us,

we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Because in this time we are not able to be together to receive the physical elements of the Blessed Sacrament please join me in the following prayer and know the grace of God's love for you.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

The Bread and the Cup are consumed by the Celebrant using the following words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

***** Announcements and special blessings are offered at this time.***

The Priest, gives the final blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Priest

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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