



Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus. [Washington National Cathedral.](#)

Easter Day
The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2019

Prelude of Organ and Bagpipes

Opening Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 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 heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his 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 him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Priest 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.***

First Reading 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."

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

The Response Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 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 Epistle Colossians 3:1-4

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 Gospel John 20:1-18

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

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection The Reverend Jonathan Brice

Nicene Creed

All together

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

*In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord, have mercy.*

For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy church, whose life is hid with Christ in God, that in all its diversity witness may be made to one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord: ***Lord, have mercy.***

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all who work for peace

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Thomas', Holton

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces: Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Wichael; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the Homebound: JoAnn Sherman

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Health & Strength: Mililani Hayselden; Courtney Canova; Sharon Cinelli; Curtis Smith; Dixie Moss; Jeremy Thomas; Sandy Blascyk; James Johann; Russ & Pat Jones and family; Maxine Liebst; Elizabeth Appleyard; Frankie Woodman; Adam Griest; Susan Watkins; Barby Steelman; Alix Allen; Roger Aton; Craig Burris; Anthony Straker; Jack Harris; "Spike" Speicher; Richard & Cindy Heflin; Steve & Allison Paddock; Jaquish family; the Hoffmann family; Margot Matteson; Jeanette Burris; Jim Baker; Florence Kirkland; Michael Siragusa

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Birthdays: Megan Jones; Rose Wrede; Stephanie Robertson

Let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

The Collect

Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children (N.), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anniversary Prayer

O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully upon this couple who come to you seeking your blessing on this their anniversary, continue assisting them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Offertory Sentence

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

The Road to Emmaus

Narrator After Mary and the others had told the other disciples that Jesus was not in the tomb, two of them decided to return to Emmaus. On the way, they were talking about what had happened. Jesus joined them - but they did not recognize Him.
He asked them what they were talking about.

Disciple 1 You must be the only person in Jerusalem who doesn't know what has happened!

Disciple 2 Haven't you heard about Jesus of Nazareth? He was our friend and leader.
He was a great prophet and told people about God. He healed people. Then, on Thursday, He was arrested and our leaders handed Him over to the Romans.

Disciple 1 On Friday, He was taken to Calvary and was crucified. Since then we have been terrified and filled with grief. Then, this morning, some of the women in our group came and told us that the tomb was empty and His body was gone.
We don't know what to make of it.

Voice of Jesus You foolish people!
Don't you realize that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and then to enter His glory? Listen....

Narrator Then, going right back to the beginning, He interpreted to them all the things about Himself in the Scriptures.

Voice of Jesus Remember the story of Noah? Most people had forgotten God. The world had become a cruel and sinful place to live in. God was angry and sent a flood to destroy the wickedness.
But, God knew that some people had not forgotten. Noah still believed in God and God was able to warn Noah and tell him to build an ark. In this way, human beings and many other living creatures were saved. After the flood, God promised never to flood the earth again. He set a rainbow in the sky and said, "Whenever you and I see the rainbow, we will remember the promise, the covenant between us. You will be My people and I will be your God.

Disciple 1 God made the same promise to Moses didn't He?

Disciple 2 When the Hebrews were being held as slaves in Egypt, God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go.

Jesus That's right. And when Pharaoh refused, God sent the ten plagues. In the desert, God still cared for the People. He guided them by day and by night. And when they were hungry, God gave them manna - bread from heaven. When they were thirsty, God told Moses to strike a rock - and water came pouring from it. God always cares for His people - even if they don't understand what He is doing.

Disciple 1 But, even in the Promised Land, people went back to their old ways. They didn't exactly forget God - but they didn't follow God's ways.

Disciple 2 In the end, the Hebrew people lost their own country and were sent into exile.

Jesus But God did not forget them. God cannot forget His people. He has promised and God does not forget a promise.
He spoke through a prophet called Isaiah and told them that He would keep His promise.
One day, a young woman would have a baby - a son - and this child would be Emmanuel. Emmanuel means God-with-us. The promise was that God would come and live with His people.
And that is what happened. She didn't call her baby Emmanuel though. The angel told her to call Him Jesus - but He was God-with-us all the same.

Disciple 1 He went to John the Baptist and was baptized. People who were there heard God's voice calling Him the Beloved Son.

Disciple 2 We hoped that He was the Messiah. We knew God's favor was on Him. He did great things - but He didn't set us free as the Scriptures said He would.

Jesus But John also said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
The Messiah was to be more than just a great leader.

Disciple 1 It still doesn't make sense. He was arrested and tortured and killed. We wanted Him to show His power then - but He didn't.

Disciple 2 While He was dying, people were shouting - if He was the Messiah, the Son of God, why didn't He save Himself?

Jesus You've forgotten something else that Isaiah said.
He said that the Servant of God would suffer. He said that people would hate Him and despise Him and turn away from Him.
But he said that, by the sufferings of the Servant, the sin of the world would be taken away.
It is sin that stops you being free - and Jesus took that away from you.
Sin leaves you in darkness - Jesus is the Light of the world.
Sin and death go together - Jesus has conquered sin and death.

Jesus Tell the story you heard - about the empty tomb....
Disciple 1 But this only brings us back to where we started...

Jesus Really? We've spoken of God's promises - the rainbow - the crossing of the Red Sea - and the manna and water in the desert and the promise of the child.
We've remembered that Isaiah said that the Servant of God would suffer - and that John the Baptist called Jesus the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world.
All this - and you still don't see?

Disciple 2 Perhaps you could explain more - join us for a meal....

Jesus I'll join you - but not just for any meal.
This meal is special - we need bread and wine and My friends

Disciple 1 Jesus did that on Thursday night.

Jesus Yes - and He did something else too, didn't He?

Disciple 2 He broke the bread and shared the cup and told us to remember

Jesus Yes - but it was more than that...
Watch and listen.....watch and listen....

Jesus So what have you seen? What have you heard?

Disciple 1 The bread has become His Body - His Living Presence.
Jesus is here.

Disciple 2 The wine has become His Blood - His love poured out
for the world. Jesus is here.



[Supper at Emmaus](#), 1628, Rembrandt van Rijn

Narrator Their eyes were opened and they recognized Him in the
breaking of bread - but He vanished from their sight.

Disciple 1 Jesus was the Promised One. He was God-with-us.
He had to suffer and die - but now He is risen.

Disciple 2 And He is still with us. God has kept His promise.
In this bread and in this wine, Jesus is present among
us!

Disciple 1 We can't keep this to ourselves. We must tell everyone!

Disciple 2 That Jesus is risen - that we have seen Him and that we
recognized Him in the breaking of bread.

Disciple 1 We are His disciples. In the waters of Baptism, we died
with Him - and now we are raised up to New Life.

Disciple 2 And the light of the Easter Candle reminds us that we are light for the world.

Disciple 1 Do you believe that Jesus died?

ALL WE DO!

Disciple 2 Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead?

Disciple 1 Do you believe that you have received Jesus in the Communion we have shared?

ALL WE DO!

Disciple 2 So - what are you going to do?!

**ALL WE SHALL CELEBRATE EASTER!
ALLELUIA!
WE SHALL BRING LOVE TO THOSE WHO ARE
SAD; AND SHARE JOY WITH THOSE WHO
ARE HAPPY.
WE WILL LIVE OUR LIVES TO THE GLORY OF
GOD. WE WILL LIVE IN EASTER JOY AND
EASTER HOPE AND BRING NEW LIFE TO
THOSE WE MEET.
ALLELUIA!**

The Blessing

May the joy of the resurrection fill your heart and renew your faith.
May almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
 3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
 5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
 3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
 5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
 3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
 5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

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The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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