



The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion March 31 2024
Rev Deacon Keehna Sture
Rev Robert Morrison, Presiding
Easter Resurrection Celebration

**For God's People At
St. Martin's Episcopal Church**

Prelude

Ray Hendricks

Opening Hymn #207 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

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

Celebrant

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity: *Presider Let us pray together*

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.

Gloria (sung) BCP p. 356

**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.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray:

The Collect of the Day: 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 Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson is a Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-9

Lector

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

- Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
- **People Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino (sung using modified Anglican chant)

**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 Second Lesson is from the First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Lector

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

- Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
- ***People Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:1-18

Deacon

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 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.

- *Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.
- *People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

Fr Robert Morrison

Silence for Reflection

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

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.

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.

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 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: 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

Celebrant

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Baptismal Sprinkling (*Asperges*) The congregation is sprinkled with blessed water as a sign and symbol of our own Baptism

Prayers of the People— *Special Bid Your Prayers for Easter 2024*

PotP Leader

Reader: Trusting in the power of God that raised Christ from the dead, we pray now for the needs and hopes of the world, the Church, and our own hearts.

Reader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Diana, our Bishop, and for leaders of local churches everywhere, that their lives may model and proclaim Resurrection joy, peace, and hope, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the leaders of our country, that the laws they create may embody God's vision of a world remade and refashioned on justice and equity for all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For Christians around the world, that we may realize our connectedness as the family of God and the body of the resurrected Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to wars, violence, oppression and anarchy, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, and Haiti—and for the peace of the risen Christ to be established in all corners of our world, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who are ill, and for those nearing the end of their earthly life (pause), that they may feel the tender and loving presence of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed whose faith is known to God alone (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the cares and concerns of our own hearts, and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers (pause), let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Eternal God, may our hearts be filled with Easter joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Help us, his followers, to bring healing to the human spirit, joy to places of sadness, and hope to hearts that are in despair.

We ask all of this in His name.

All: Amen.

The Peace

- *Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- *People* **And also with you.**

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

The Hymn #199

"Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence;

Presider: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

Hymn of Presentation 'Doxology with Alleluias' (sing to the tune of hymn 618)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (Sing together)

**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; Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (*let us sing together*)

***Our father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and forever. Amen. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

"Jesus Remember Me, When you Come into your Kingdom"

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*we pray together*)

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.

Prayer for St. Martin's (*let us pray together*)

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Easter Blessings

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelling Mercies

Announcements

Closing Hymn 60 LEV *"How Great Thou Art"*

Dismissal Let us go into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude Hallelujah Chorus, by Handel Ray Hendricks