



The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion April 9, 2023
Bishop John Thornton, Presiding; Br. Rob James, Preaching

Easter Resurrection Celebration For God's People At St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Prelude

Ray Hendricks

Resurrection of Alleluia!

Presider: As God's people, we confess that Christ was crucified under Pontius Pilate and He suffered death and was buried.

People: Thanks be to God for Christ's Perfect Sacrifice.

Presider: Today, as God's people, we confess that on the third day Christ rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

People: Thanks be to God for Christ's Resurrection from death to life.

Presider: Today, we join Christians around the world and proclaim the Good News – Christ is Risen!!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Presider: Jesus Christ is risen today: this is our triumphant holy day.

People: Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Presider: Christ endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Presider: Christ is Risen!!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed!! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

Opening Hymn 207 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson is a Reading from the Letter to the 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.*

Psalm 118: 14-29 *(using modified Anglican chant)*

- 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.
- 25 **Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- 26 **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 **The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**
you are my God; I will extol you.
- 29 **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 28:1-10
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."

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

The Sermon

Br Rob James

silence for reflection

The Apostles' Creed (let us say 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.***

Prayers of the People – [BCP p. 305 - Prayers]

Let us now resume our commitment to our life in the risen Christ.

Leader: Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

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!***

Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C BCP p. 367

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

***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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and be thankful.

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelling Mercies

Announcements

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.**

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