



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Liturgy of Easter Day

April 12, 2020

Opening Sentences

Officiant Alleluia. ✝ Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Officiant Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:57*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All 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. Alleluia.

¶ *All say the Pascha nostrum together, as follows*

Alleluia;

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,
neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, *
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

¶ All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

¶ The Psalmody is read antiphonally by whole verse

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious;
because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious,
and that his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord is my strength, and my song;
and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous;
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence;
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me;
but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness,
that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord,
the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee; for thou hast heard me,
and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused,
is become the headstone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

¶ *At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

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

The First Lesson

ACTS 10:34-43

PETER OPENED HIS MOUTH AND SAID: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews 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 manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle

Cantemus Domino

EXODUS 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; *
the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and song, *
and he is become my salvation:

He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; *
my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a man of war: *
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: *
his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

The depths have covered them: *
they sank into the bottom as a stone.

Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: *
thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, *
the earth swallowed them.

Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: *
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them *
in the mountain of thine inheritance,

In the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in; *
in the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and ever.

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.

g All are seated

The Second Lesson

JOHN 20:1-18

NOW ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he 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 cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths 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 know the scripture, that he must

rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" 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, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Mag'dalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Canticle *Te Deum laudamus*

LUKE 1:68-79

We praise thee, O God;
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud,
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
in glory everlasting.

¶ All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

¶ Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

¶ The Officiant and People say the following

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling

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.
 Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People For only in thee can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;
People Thy saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

The Collects

ALmighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto 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 thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. ¶ *People Amen.*

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

O HEAVENLY FATHER, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¶ *People Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

¶ *Said by the Officiant and People together*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Grace

☩ *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. ☩ *People Amen.* Ephesians 3:20, 21

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

☩ *All kneel*

☩ Then additional Prayers and Intercessions are offered

The Easter Blessing

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.

☩ *People 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. ☩ *People 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. ☩ *People Amen.*

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

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Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn,
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion burst His chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
At His command restore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in His glory now
To Him all power is given;
To Him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, His soldiers, praise our King,
His mercy we implore,
Within His palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,
While endless ages run.

Alleluia. Amen.

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