



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
MORNING PRAYER
APRIL 4, 2021
9:00 AM**

Instrumental Prelude

Welcoming by Fred Malaby

The Angelus

V: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary,

R: **And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

V: Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R: **Be it done unto me according to your Word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

V: And the Word was made flesh.

R: **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

V: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Invitatory and Psalter

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.

Christ our Passover

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
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:
“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 LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD’S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
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 Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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 Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You are God

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free

you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

The Third Reading

John 20:1-18

A Reading from the Gospel According to John.

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: Bishop W. Nicholas Knisely

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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 for ever. Amen.

Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Intercessions

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who Leads me into life.

With a new heart and new life, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who are in need. *(A brief silence)*

In abundant joy, we pray for all Christian assemblies united this morning at the empty tomb. Help us see you in those we do not expect, and remove all fear from our hearts. Keep safe those who are at risk as caregivers, medical and essential staff, praying especially for Lynne Schoer, Cheryl Boscia, Lyndsey Bain, Amy Sundstrom, Karen Furia, Rachel Briden, Paul Correa and Alan Cotnoir. Be with all those who have died from the pandemic and comfort all that mourn for their loss.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In humility, we pray for this planet, our earthly home. Heal what we have scarred and broken; renew the face of the earth, from north to south, from east to west to reflect Christ's glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In hope and love, we pray for the nations of the world. By the light of the resurrection, destroy the shroud that is cast over all peoples. Bring peace to every country, city, village, and household. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In hope, we pray you will wipe away the tears from all who weep. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and send your angels to watch over the vulnerable and sick especially: Sue, Vinny, Ronnie, Norman, Ray, Denise, Paul, Brad, Elaine, David, Michael, Bob and MJ and any you wish to name silently or aloud....(pause)...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

In grace, we pray for those joyfully gathered here by your Spirit. Give us words to boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen. Feed all visitors here today with your Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving, we remember those who saw the Lord in life, and now see him face to face. We especially pray for those in whose memory the Easter flowers have been given today, William Dame, Milton, Harriet & Lois Irons, Shirley & Earle Davis, Alex Harris, Chris Harris, Peter Verity, Alfred P. Soscia, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Falco, Penny E. Clarke, Viola F. Clarke, Mary K. Clarke, Cortlandt Clarke, William J. Gallagher, William J. Gallagher, Jr., Mary B. Gallagher, Dale Greenbacker, Mr. & Mrs. John Doyle, Jr., Thomas F. Irons, Elsie M. Irons, Harold E. Blackinton, Barbara G. Blackinton, David E. Blackinton, Dilshad D. Blackinton and Judi Baxter. May their faithful witness inspire us to sing our "Alleluia!" again and again. Lord, in your mercy, Hear us, **hear our prayer.**

Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life, we commend to you, gracious and everliving God, all for whom we pray. Amen.

All: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" H-178

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Refrain

2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

3

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

4

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain