

## 2020 04 12 Easter Sunday Service

### IN THE NAME

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed.**

P: He has trampled down death by his death.

**C: He has given eternal life to us. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord God, our heavenly Father, I am a sinner and I have sinned against You, not only in my words and actions, but also in my secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully know or understand, but which You know completely. I am sorry that I have displeased You, and repent of the evil I have done. For the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and graciously help me in my weakness. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen.**

### PSALM 118:1, 14-24

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
He has become my salvation.

Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
The right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me severely,  
but He has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **GREETING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, You have overcome sin and death through the death of Your Son, and have brought forgiveness and eternal life through His resurrection. Help us confidently to believe this and always praise You with our whole heart. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

P: Our Gospel reading for today is from the gospel according to **Matthew 28:1-10**.

“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and 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, and there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**C: 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

**SERMON** based on Matthew 28:1-10.

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

## **Sermon “See you on the other side!”**

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray!

**C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome.

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

O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism.

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

O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve

You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts.

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

O risen Savior, receive our thanks and praise that despite these unusual circumstances and imposed restrictions, Your Gospel still goes out to the end of the earth and we as Your people can still gather in Your presence to receive the most precious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Strengthen us while we are separated bodily and bring us closer together through the indwelling on Your Holy Spirit. Be especially with those our brothers and sisters who are lonely and help them to experience the bond with Your body, the Church.

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

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially for our brothers and sisters in Nepal where many are deprived of their daily bread, the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth and all those whom we now mention in our hearts. ... Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come.

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

O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed.

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

All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us in the true faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us the hope to cheer us knowing that our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom.

Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**