

*Sunday of the Resurrection:
Easter Day Service, Year A
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Announcements – David

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

Christ our Passover has given his life for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**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**

Collect of the Day

Creator and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order.
Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation,
by which in the fullness of time you came among us in the person of Jesus, the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1 – 6 – Diana

Psalms: Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24 – Daniel

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 marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

And together we pray:

**Holy and mighty One, your Son's triumph over sin and death
has opened to us the gate of eternal life.**

**Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone
and share in the radiance of his glory.**

We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 4 – Daniel

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28: 1 – 10 – Lois

Reflection – Martina

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy universal Church.

Do you believe in God the Creator, in Jesus Christ the Son of God and in God the Holy Spirit?

**Creator God, it's one thing to say the words and another
to put my trust in you. Help me to live in the knowledge
that you are my Creator and that nothing can separate me from your love.
I trust in your forgiveness expressed in Jesus
and look to your Spirit to bring me to wholeness.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and relationship,
in the breaking of bread and in prayer?

**Creator God, I know I was not meant to go it alone
because the church was created to be a supportive community for everyone.
And I know the church is made up of people like me—so it isn't perfect!
Help me to mature into wholeness in the church
so I can learn from the teaching, be encouraged by the community,**

**be renewed in the Eucharist and find strength
for living each day through prayer.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you separate yourself from your loving God, repent and return to the Lord?
**Creator God, You know there are times I do things I never intended to do.
My sorrow doesn't put it all right.
Neither can I use my weakness as an excuse.
Help me to begin anew, to experience your forgiveness
and to walk again in Jesus' way.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
**Creator God, help me to live the way Jesus calls me to live.
May my actions speak louder than my words—
of your love and of new life in Jesus.
At the same time, help me rise above my own stumbling speech
and give me the words to share your abundant Love.
Let me be a witness to Your Truth.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all created beings
and in loving your neighbour as yourself?
**Creator God, all too often I have looked at others judgmentally.
Help me to see each one with your eyes,
knowing that every person is created in your image, as your child.
Jesus died to show us the way back to You.
Grow in me a new love that reaches out to all beings
because Jesus died for all creation.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people
and respect the dignity of every living thing?
**Creator God, I know I am blind to my prejudices and stereotypes—
they perpetuate the racism, sexism and other forms of violence
that continue to oppress our neighbours.
Help me to live in Jesus, to see people through his eyes,
to hear their stories, to learn to love as Jesus loves
and to work for the harmony that reveals your Love for all. Amen**

Offertory

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of life and health, accept our offering and grant that as your holy people, we may be
perfected in relationship with you. In the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Invitation to the Table

Beloved of Christ, people shall be gathered
from all parts of the world to feast at the heavenly banquet of the Lord.
Christ our Paschal Lamb has willingly given himself for us;
therefore, let us celebrate the feast.
Christ invites all who desire relationship with our Creator to this table.
And so we come to the table in faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, almighty God, for you are the Lord of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land, and you brought your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. And so we gladly thank you, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you. Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your children may be blessed with power and grace and that this bread and cup may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hope and glory are our breath, merciful God, for you have rolled away the stone of despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of lament, the stone of grief, the stone of death, the stone of separation, the stone of fear.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your eternal life, that all who labour, all who stumble, all who hunger and all who fall shall meet you in the breaking of the bread and be lifted up by your touch.

Shape your church to be your risen body; make our scars like your scars, make our lives life-giving like your life and make our communion holy with your saints, until you come again in glory and we eat with you in your kingdom, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we pray:

**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 forever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying,
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Prayer after Communion

Creator God, our help and strength,
you satisfy our hunger with this Eucharistic food.
Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son,
we may follow his example and become food for the world.
For he is Lord now and forever. **Amen**

Doxology

**Glory to God, whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing
Dismissal