



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Easter Day

Sunday | April 5th | 2026

10.30 am | Festal Eucharist | BAS

Missa Brevis | Jonathan Dove

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance. Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Easter Flowers

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Festive Music for Trumpets and Organ*

Announcements

Introit | *Gloria* | Jonathan Dove

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Greeting

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.

This is the day which the Lord has made. Alleluia!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn | *Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky*

***Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor cry; Alleluia! Alleluia!
the glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***The pains of hell are loosed at last;
the days of mourning now are past; Alleluia! Alleluia!
an angel robed in light hath said,
"The Lord is risen from the dead."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light, Alleluia! Alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide; Alleluia! Alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Jesu, the King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess, Alleluia! Alleluia!
that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide; Alleluia! Alleluia!
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia***

***All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored; Alleluia! Alleluia!
All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Collect at the Station

*God of everlasting love, on this day heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with you;
by the power of your Holy Spirit we join with all creation to acclaim your glory, through Christ
our Risen Lord. Amen*

Hymn 203 | *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Collect of the Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Acts 10:34-43*

A reading from the book of Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | *118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

Give thanks to the Lord who is good; the mercy of the Lord endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever." "The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! The mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!" I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

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.

Second Reading | *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

So 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Christus Vincit* | *Martin Baker*

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat. Exaudi Christe. Episcopum Electum et clerum sibi commissum conservet. Salvator mundi. Tu illos adiuva. Sancta Maria. Tu illos adiuva. Sancte Petre. Tu illos adiuva. Sancte Paule. Tu illos adiuva. Rex regnum. Rex noster. Gloria nostra. Ipsi soli imperium, gloria et potestas, per immortalia saecula saeculorum. Amen. / Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands. Hear, O Christ. May God protect the Bishop-Elect and clergy to her care given. Saviour of the world, do thou help them. Saint Mary, do thou help them. Saint Peter, do thou help them. Saint Paul, do thou help them. King of kings. Our King. Our Glory. To Him alone be power, glory and strength, for ever and ever, Amen.

Holy Gospel | *Matthew 28:1-10*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus 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 worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Let us pray.

God of power and possibility, you broke open the tomb—now break open your Church. Bless Shane, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Michael, our Diocesan Administrator; Kathryn, our Bishop-Elect; all clergy and laity. Guide us to be reconcilers and visionaries, led by your Spirit.

Resurrect, renew and revive your church.

Hear our prayer.

God of resurrection and new life, you entered the hearts of Jesus' fearful friends—now enter our relationships. Where there is joy, nurture it; where there is hurt, heal it.

Resurrect, renew and revive our life together.

Hear our prayer.

God of might and mercy, you shattered the plans of those who opposed love—now transform the governance of nations. Inspire leaders toward justice and peace. Confront deception with your truth.

Resurrect, renew and revive the community of nations.

Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope, you broke the chains of death—now enter our places of pain and grief. Bring comfort, courage, and peace to all who suffer and especially to those whom we hold in our hearts.

Silence.

Resurrect, renew and revive our lives.

Hear our prayer.

God of Easter renewal, you meet us in every moment—now meet us in joy and sorrow. Grant us gratitude, generosity, and grace.

Resurrect, renew and revive our souls and spirits.

Hear our prayer. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn | *Crown him with many crowns*

***Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.***

*Crown him the Lord of Love; behold his hands and side,
Those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you: *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.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile, you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters, brothers and siblings. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *This Joyful Eastertide* | arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow. My love, the crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ that once was slain ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith hath been in vain, but now hath Christ a'risen. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death's flood hath lost his chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.

Motet | *Now the green blade riseth* | Bob Chilcott

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain, Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Motet | *Hallelujah* | G.F. Handel

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord, the love of God who raised him from the dead, and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life, bless and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn 212 | *Alleluia! The strife is o'er*

Postlude | *Toccata (Symphonie 5)* | C.M. Widor

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Readings Next Sunday | April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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