

## **Morning Prayer**

*Sunday, April 12, 2020 – Easter Day  
The Resurrection of the Lord*

**Officiant:** The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Gillard  
**Preacher:** The Rev'd Fr. Jeffrey Kennedy  
**Organist & Cantor:** Damien Macedo

**Prelude**     **Improvisation on Victimae Paschali Laudes**

### **The Gathering of the Community**

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

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

*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.**

*Officiant*     Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.  
*People*         **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

**Jubilate**     *Psalm 100*  
*Officiant*     Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
*All*             **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Officiant*     Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed.  
*People*         **O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

**Hymn:** *Who Is There on This Easter Morning*

Who is there on this Easter morning runs not with John to find the grave?  
No sees how, death's dominion scorning, Jesus is risen, strong to save?  
Who is there on this Easter morning runs not with John to find the grave?  
Who has not stood where Mary, grieving, to that first Easter garden came,  
for very joy but half believing; whose is the voice that calls her name?  
Who has not stood where Mary, grieving, to that first Easter garden came?  
Who is there doubts that night is ended? Hear from on high the trumpets call!  
Christ is in triumph now ascended, risen and reigning, Lord of all!  
Who is there doubts that night is ended? Hear from on high the trumpets call!

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

*Reader* A reading from the acts of the apostles.

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."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 118:14-24

*Please join on the odd (bolded) verses of the psalm.*

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> **I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us 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.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Reader* A reading from Paul's 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle: Christ our Passover

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

*All*

**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!**

## Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.

*Reader*        The Gospel of Christ.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

The Rev'd Jeffrey Kennedy

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Officiant*    Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All*            **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.

## Intercessions and Prayers

### Intercessions

- Leader* In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!" That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That isolated and persecuted churches, and all peoples, may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That by God's power, pandemics, wars, and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, the dying, and the bereaved, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon the whole church, that we may bear faithful witness to Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* I invite you now to offer your own prayers and petitions to God.
- All* **Hear us, Lord of glory!**
- Leader* We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father,
- All* **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Collect

*Officiant* Let us pray. Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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.**

## Doxology

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* **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

*Officiant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude Fanfare on Maccabaeus

## Announcements

### **Ministries for Children and Youth**

For children, our Sunday School coordinator Elisabeth Westberg has organized weekly lessons using Zoom, beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. For our youth, Elisabeth and Fr. Benjamin are hosting a weekly check-in over Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:30 PM. For information about how to connect over Zoom, please email Elisabeth directly at [youth@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:youth@stjohnsnorway.com).

### **Opportunities to Gather During the Week**

Beginning after Easter, we will be offering two opportunities weekly to gather on Zoom for learning and fellowship. On Thursdays at 5:00 PM, Fr. Jeffrey and Fr. Benjamin will be holding a bible study. On Fridays at 5:00 PM, we will be holding "Happy almost-an-Hour!" Grab some snacks, tune into Zoom, and catch up with other parishioners! Both events are being organized using Zoom and can be accessed online or on the phone. To join online, follow the link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2035813958>. To dial in on the phone, first dial: 647-558-0588. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 203 581 3958#. Please refer any questions to Fr. Benjamin ([curate@stjohnsnorway.com](mailto:curate@stjohnsnorway.com), 647-608-5608).

### **Online Donations**

Some of you have asked how to donate at this time. If you do not have pre-authorized payments in place, or would like to make an online donation, we have moved our online donation link to the front page of the website. Online donations to St John's Norway are done through CanadaHelps. (<http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/church-of-st-john-the-baptist-norway>).

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