

The Proclamation of the Word of God
The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day – Year B
April 4, 2021

The Bell of St. Peter's

Jeff Mitchell, bell-ringer

The people standing in body or in spirit, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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When appointed, a song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

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.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says the Salutation

The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

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The Celebrant says the Collect for Easter Day

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O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

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The people sit. The Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from Acts. (10:34-43)

A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

After the Lesson, the Reader says

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God

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Silence may be kept after the Reading.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Psalm is concluded with the Gloria Patri, a short acclamation of praise to the Trinity.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The second lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from 1 Corinthians. (15:1-11)

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A citation giving chapter and verse may be added.

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.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

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Silence may be kept after the Reading.

Clergy and People:

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

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The Intersessor then says the following authorized prayers

Intersessor: God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

People: We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

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Intervessor: God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to works of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

People: We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Intervessor: God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

People: We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Intervessor: God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

People: We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Intervessor: God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

People: We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

Intervessor: In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

(The people may add their own special intentions, thanksgivings, or intercessions, either silently or aloud.)

[Long Pause]

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

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Doxology

Jayne Thomas

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Adapted from the Commission for Liturgy
and the Arts, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

Celebrant Let us pray.

All kneel in body or in spirit.

People: In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly our own parish, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given us. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our heart. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Celebrant: For surely, Lord, we are not alone. Formed in your image, you met us through your Christ – in the womb of Mary, beside the sea, at Golgotha and in every tomb. Through the mystery of his death and resurrection, we are now one with you. In our days, as with a mother's milk, you have been forming our bodies to become your body, through the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

Celebrant Nourished by Christ,
People teach us also to be broken with Christ
and shared with this hungering world.

Celebrant: Soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve. Meet us on the road and open our eyes to see afresh the abundance of your grace, alive and at hand throughout your sacred and hurting world, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant leads the people in prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, BCP 363

Our Father, who art in heaven, BCP 364
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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem. How Can I Keep from Singing

NYC Virtual Choir and Orchestra

The Priest may bless the people.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Episcopal means “of or relating to a bishop, or of, having, or constituting government by bishops.” It comes from Middle French episcopal, from Late Latin episcopalis, from Latin episcopus, and from Greek episkopos, meaning one who oversees. The Episcopal Church (TEC) is a member church of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and is comprised of 100 dioceses in the United States, each led by a bishop. TEC also includes eleven dioceses in outlying US Territories as well as other countries.

The Anglican Communion is the gathering of Anglican and Episcopal churches from around the world who are in communion with the See of Canterbury (in England). The Anglican Communion is the third largest Christian communion in the world, after the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. It includes 85 million people in over 165 countries.

Catechism

The Sacraments

Q. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Q. What is grace?

A. Grace is God's favor toward us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

Q. What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?

A. The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

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