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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2018 Services: 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M.

Theme:

"Christ resurrection is the seal of God on the authenticity of our faith."

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2018 EASTER DAY



7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST President and Preacher The Rev'd Canon George Knight

9:00 A.M SUNG EUCHARIST President The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

> Concelebrant: The Rev'd Richard Kellman

1. THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude Opening Sentence ~ "Easter"

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed. Come let us adore Him. Alleluia

9:00 A.M.

Processional Hymn ~ 176 "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....

While he, the King, the mighty King, despoiling death of all its sting, alleluia, alleluia, and trampling down the powers of night, brings forth his ransomed saints to light.

Alleluia...

His tomb of late the threefold guard of watch and stone and seal had barred; alleluia, alleluia, but now, in pomp and triumph high, he comes from death to victory.

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...

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide; alleluia, alleluia, from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.

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...

Words:; anonymous, Aurora lucis rutilat, c7th century, Laatin; translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern. Translation © Hymns Ancient and Modern (admin. Hope Publishing Co.).

Introit Hymn ~ 172 "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 that he endured, alleluia, our salvation have procured; alleluia, now above the sky he's King, alleluia, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Words: Lyra Davidica, London, 1708 Supplement, 1816

The Invocation

PRESIDENT

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnigy your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen,

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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: vou alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day ~ "Easter Day"

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 sin and death. 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 or Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. Mrs. Jeanette Rollock

9:00 A.M. Mr. Rudolph Dawson

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;"

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endureth 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 hath 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 hath punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over unto death.
- 19 Open 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 comerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Lectors: 7:00 A.M. Ms. Helen Lyte

9:00 A.M Ms. Esme Knights

The Gradual Hymn 180 ~ "The day of the resurrection!"

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection-light; and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own 'All hail,' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, and earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen

their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Words: John of Damascus (c696-c754) from translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

The Holy Gospel
The Gospeller

John 20:1-18 The Rev'd Richard Kellman

The Sermon:

7:00 A.M. The Rev'd Canon George Knight 9:00 A.M. The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson



3. THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Exhortation Page 263

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

We thank you for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John And was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,

To lead us, through His death and resurrection, From the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,

We celebrate our fellowship in Him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To Him, to You and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with Him to 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 Catholic Church.

THE RENEWAL

PRESIDENT:

Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help of God, live your life in the faith of Christ into which you were baptized?

PEOPLE: I do.

PRESIDENT: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE:

I believe in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered unto Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

PRESIDENT:

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

PRESIDENT:

Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT:

Will you persevere in resisting evil and repent whenever you fall into sin?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT:

Will you be a witness in your daily life to God's saving work in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will.

PRESIDENT:

Will you seek and serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself remembering that every person is loved and valued by God?

PEOPLE: I will

PRESIDENT:

Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

PEOPLE:

I do, and with God's help

I will follow Christ as my Saviour and Lord.

PRESIDENT:

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Prayer ~ Concluding Collect

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people and grant that he who is baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jess? Christ the risen Lord.

The Greeting of the Peace "A"

Hymn of Fellowship ~ "Let there be peace on earth,"

Let there be peace on earth And Let it begin with me Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment,
And live each moment
In peace and eternally

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.

Welcome, Notices, etc.

The Blessing and distribution of Easter Eggs



4. THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 168 ~ "Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,"

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem, cleave the skies with shouts of praise; sing to him who found the ransom, ancient of eternal days,
God of God, the Word Incarnate, whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Ere he raised the lofty mountains, formed the seas, or built the sky,

love eternal, free, and boundless, moved the Lord of Life to die, fore-ordained the Prince of princes for the throne of Calvary.

There, for us and our redemption, see him all his life-blood pour!

There he wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more; then, arising, lives for ever, reigning where he was before.

High on yon celestial mountains stands his gem-built throne, all bright, midst unending alleluias bursting from the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises, victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your odours, sweep the string and pour the lay; let the earth proclaim his wonders, King of that celestial day; he the Lamb once slain is worthy, who was dead, and lives for aye.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run. Words: Job Hup[ton (1762-1849), from The Gospel Magazine, 1805; paraphrase: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Prayer of the Gifts

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PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE SAY:

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people and grant that he who is baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

The Eucharist Prayer Page 126

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Proper Preface ~ "Easter"

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But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

ALL

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.

The Great Thanksgiving "A"

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PRESIDENT

All Holy and glorious Father, Our Creator God, we give you thanks because in your loving wisdom you brought all things into being, and are truly worthy of praise from every creature you have made.

Again and again we have turned away from you; yet in every age your steadfast love has called us to return, to live in union with you: for it is your eternal purpose to put new life into all things and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ Who took our human nature upon Him you have redeemed the world from the bondage of sin: and by the power of your Holy Spirit you have gathered a people to yourself, to make known in ever place His perfect offering which He made to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:

And grant that these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take this, and eat it: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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."

PRESIDENT

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT

And so, Heavenly Father,
Rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven; and looking for

for his Coming in glory; we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your Son, our great High Priest, may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops, all other ministers of your Word

and Sacraments, and with the whole people of God, living and departed, whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,

That we may be found ready to join the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles, and all your saints, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again: Forever giving you thanks and praise through Him from whom all good things do come.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL

Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

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

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The invitation

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

ALL

Grant gracious Lord, that we so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and him in us. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace

The Administration of Communion

Hymns 164 ~ "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who hath washed us in the tide flowing from his piercèd side; praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie; thou hast conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light. Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthral: thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.

Easter triumph, Easter joy, sin alone can this destroy; from sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

Words: anonymous, from Ad regias agni dopes, c6th century, Latin; translation: Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

Hymn 169 ~ "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen:
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry
to our King Immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

Words: John of Damascus (c696-c754), From

translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), and Editors of Hymns Ancient and Modern

Anthem ~ "Then shall be ...But thanks..." (Handel)

THE BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER EGGS:

O Lord our God, in celebration of the Paschal fest we have prepared these eggs from your creation: Grant that they may be to us a sign of the new life and immortality promised to those who follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Heavenly Father, send thy blessing on thy children gathered here, may they all, thy name confessing, be to thee for ever dear: may they be, like Joseph, loving, dutiful, and chaste, and pure; and their faith, like David, proving, steadfast unto death endure.

Holy Saviour, who in meekness didst vouchsafe a child to be, guide their steps, and help their weakness, bless and make them like to thee; bear thy lambs, when they are weary, in thine arms and at thy breast; through life's desert, dry and dreary, bring them to thy heavenly rest.

Spread thy golden pinions o'er them,
Holy Spirit, from above,
guide them, lead them, go before them,
give them peace, and joy, and love:
thy true temples, Holy Spirit,
may they with thy glory shine,
and immortal bliss inherit,
and for evermore be thine.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1877)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

THE BLESSING ~ "Easter Day"

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight; and the blessing of God the Father be upon you this day and forever more. **Amen**

The Recessional Hymn A & M 138 ~ "Christ is risen"

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He has burst his bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Swell the strain!
For our gain He suffered loss
By divine decree;
He has died upon the cross,
But our God is He.

Refrain
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!

He has burst His bonds in twain; Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Swell the strain!

See the chains of death are broken; Earth below and Heav'n above Joy in each amazing token Of his rising, Lord of love He forevermore shall reign By the Father's side, Till He comes to earth again, Comes to claim His Bride.

Refrain

Glorious angels downward thronging
Hail the Lord of all the skies;
Heav'n, with joy and holy longing
For the Word Incarnate cries,
Christ is risen! Earth, rejoice!
Gleam, ye starry train!
All creation, find a voice;
He o'er all shall reign.

Final Refrain
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst his bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
O'er the universe to reign.

The Dismissal:

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And Also with you.

PRESIDENT: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL: In the name of Christ. Amen

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: EASTER DAY

YEAR B

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Comments ~ "God raised Jesus on the third day"

In this lesson, Peter realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

A festival hymn sung in procession in praise of the Lord's salvation.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Comments ~ "Witnesses to the risen Christ"

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his basis proclamation concerning the Lord's resurrection. All these things happened according to the scriptures. Beginning with a manifestation to Cephas, Paul recounts six appearances of the risen Lord to his followers. The last, which must have taken place several years after the others, gave this former prosecutor of the church his commission as an apostle.

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

Comments ~ "Seeing the risen Christ"

Our gospel tells of the discovery of the empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene. Whilst it is still dark, Mary comes and finds that the stone used to cover the tomb has been moved away. She runs and brings Peter and another disciple whom Jesus loved. Although no human eye catches sight of Jesus' rising from death, these first witnesses see the discarded grave wrappings and the other disciples perceives and believes. Mary remains weeping at the graveside and talks with a man she assumes to be the gardener. He speaks her name, and she knows her Lord.

CATHEDRAL NEWS

- **1. Registration:** The Cathedral is currently seeking to update its membership record. Consequently, members are asked to complete the registration forms which are available and return them to the office as soon as possible.
- **2. Confirmation Classes**: Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes is still ongoing. Interested persons can collect forms from the Cathedral Office Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M and 4:45 P.M daily.
- **3. Fund Raising**: The Annual Family Day Luncheon has been scheduled for May 6, 2018. A list of items needed for same has been posted on the Notice Boards for the attention of all. Everyone is invited to contribute towards the success of this event. Tickets will be available from today Sunday, March 18th, 2018.

Floral Tributes:

The Officers and members of the Flower Guild wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all persons who made contribution to the flowers for Easter:

- Ms. Marva Bourne on the occasion of her birthday;
- Mr. Stephen Blackman on successfully completing his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) in Paris, France;
- Ms. Omeitha Haynes and family in memory of their parents Mr. Clement Thorne and Mrs. Euphine Thorne and sisters Jean Thorne and Coral Thorne:
- Ms. Judy Jones, Mr. Russell and Mr. Johnnie Jones in memory of their parents Mr. Horace Jones and Mrs. Laurine Jones;
- Mrs. Helen Lyte in memory of her mother Ms. Myra Taylor;
- Mrs. Ermine Lowe, Mrs. Wilhemena Roach and Mrs. Jeanette Rollock:
- Mrs. Margaret Watson in memory of her father Mr. Edmund Taylor on April 1, 2015.

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BARBADOS WEST INDIES

EASTER MESSAGE 2018

The Resurrection is the foundation on which Christianity is built; without this doctrine the Church's teaching loses its credibility and

Paul says if Christ has not been raised we are misrepresenting God "because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised." The early Christians' conviction that Christ was raised from the dead gave them the impetus to proclaim the Good News even when it posed a danger to their lives.

The Resurrection was at the core of the Apostles preaching, in his sermon at Pentecost, Peter spoke of Jesus death on the Cross but informed his audience: "But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him." Paul was fervent in his teaching that Christ was raised from the dead. For him it was what gave meaning to Christianity and transformed the lives of persons who established a relationship with the Risen Christ.

The early Church did not see the Resurrection as an issue to be debated, it was a dogma to be believed and lived. The Resurrection placed a moral responsibility on Christians to live a holy and righteous life. With reference to the Resurrection, Peter challenged his listeners to live an incorruptible life void of anger, deceit, and hatred. Paul also linked the Resurrection to a change in life: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:1-5).

The Easter message speaks about Christ's victory over the forces of sin and evil, a victory we share as members of the community of faith. Throughout the ages this message has given hope and encouragement to countless numbers of Christians who have faced all forms of evil and adversity in their lives. Easter reminds us that light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death and that good always triumph over evil.

The Easter message of Christian hope has a strong element of trust. It is to believe that God will keep his promises and see us through all our crises. The Easter hope tells us that we can always be people of joy. Joy is a gift from God which cannot be bought or earned. It is God's peace dwelling in our hearts which makes us peaceful and loving. The joy that comes from God strengthens us in our weakness, gives light when life becomes dark, replaces despair with hope and death with life.

We live in a world that is beset will many social, political and economic difficulties that threaten our human existence. In this kind of environment it is easy for us to lose hope and be consumed by despair, which takes away the joy of living. Easter allows us to face the future with confidence and hope knowing that the Risen Christ is always with us on our pilgrimage. Paul reminds us that because of Christ's victory over death and the grave, nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love.

The Easter message with its poignant note of triumph can be summed up in the words of Julian of Norwich: "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

I wish you a Glorious Easter; may its joy and peace sustain and strengthen you on your spiritual journey.

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EASTER DAY

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist 11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins

6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong, Procession and the Hallelujah Chorus

Tuesday, April 3rd 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 4th 10:00 A.M. ~ A Public Service of Healing

Thursday, April 5th 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Easter April 8, 2018

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist 11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins: The Barbados Labour Party 80th Anniversary Service 6:00 P.M. ~ Evensong,

DIOCESAN NEWS

Election of Bishop: The Elective Synod will be held on the Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist, Wednesday, April 25, 2018. It will be preceded by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 A.M. in Christ Church Parish Church. The meeting will be followed immediately afterwards in the Ivan Harewood Centre, Church Hill, Christ Church at 11:00 a.m. Please pray for God's guidance on the deliberations and that God's chosen one will be victorious in Jesus' Precious and Holy Name. **Amen.**

SERMON NOTES

Please use "Sermon Notes" to record your thoughts and questions
Sermon Text:
Topic:
Preacher:
Points to Ponder:
What was God saying specifically to me during the Sermon?

Congratulation to all those person celebrating birthdays this month \sim April 2018

Ms. Mabel C. Armstrong ~ 6th
Ms. Claudine M. Manning ~ 9th
Ms. Beverley Bradshaw ~ 10th
Mr. Henderson R. Williams ~ 10th
Mr. Neville G. Griffith ~ 11th
Mr. Daniel A. D. Agard ~ 15th
Ms. Norma Caddle ~ 16th
Mr. Wilbert B. Thompson ~ 20th
Mr. William Cumberbatch ~ 21st
Mrs. Vivian G. O. Bowen ~ 25th
Ms. Alice P. Hall ~ 27th
Ms. Undine Straker ~ 28th



May God bless and strengthen you.

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