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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2019 Service: 9:00 A.M.

Theme: Christ's resurrection is the seal of God on the authenticity of our faith."

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2019 EASTER DAY



9:00 A.M SUNG EUCHARIST

President and Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

1. THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude (*Entrance of the Bishop, other Clergy, Choir, Servers and Eucharistic Ministers*)

Processional 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 Hupton (1762-1849), from The Gospel Magazine, 1805; paraphrase: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Station at the Font

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

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Introit Hymn 180~ "The day of 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.

Opening Sentence ~ "Easter"

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

The Invocation

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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.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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 magnify 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.

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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.

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

PRESIDENT: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day ~ "**Easter 1**" Page 166 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 our 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:

Lector: 9:00 A.M.

Acts 10:34-43 Mr. Martin Haynes

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Page 625 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;"

- 1, Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 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!"
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 15:19-26
Lector: 9:00 A.M	Mr. Trevor King

The Gradual Hymn 175 ~ "Jesus lives! Thy terrors now"

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now can no more, O death, appal us; Jesus lives! By this we know Thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Henceforth is death but the gate of life immortal: this shall calm our trembling breath, when we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluia!

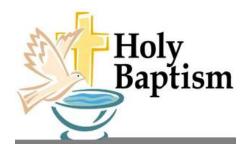
Jesus lives! For us he died; then, alone to Jesus living, pure in heart may we abide, glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! Our hearts know well naught from us our love shall sever; life nor death nor powers of hell tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluia! Jesus lives! To him the throne over all the world is given: may we go where he is gone, rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluia!

Words: Christian Füchtegott Gellert (1715-1769), from Jesus lebt, mitihmauch ich, German; translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), with others

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

The Sermon: The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell



3. THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRESIDENT:Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**PEOPLE:**It is right to give him 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**

The President may address the people in these or similar words:

Dear friends:

Through the pascal 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.

- *PRESIDENT:* Do you declare and promise that you will, with the help o 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: God?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under 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 at 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 the prayers?
- PEOPLE I will.

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

- PEOPLE: I will.
- PRESIDENT: Will you 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.

The President may sprinkle the assembled congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism The President concludes the Renewal of Baptism Vows with the following:

The Prayer

God, the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us a 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 Greeting of the Peace "A"

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PRESIDENT:

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:The peace of the Lord be always with you.ALL:And also with you.

Hymn of Fellowship ~ "Let there be love shared among us,"

Let there be love shared among us Let there be love in our eyes May now your love sweep this nation Cause us O Lord to arise Give us a fresh understanding Of neighbourly love that is real Let there be love shared among us Let there be love.

Welcome, Notices, etc.

The Blessing and distribution of Easter Eggs



4. THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 166~ "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain! Hark! Angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia!

He, who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say alleluia! He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry: Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell, who descended into hell, who the strong man armed hath bound, now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save; now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored, how the penitent forgiven, how we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed; take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day alleluia!

Words: Michael Weisse (1488-1534) from Christus isterstanden, German; translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. The Prayer of the Gifts

THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE SAY

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people and grant that all who are baptised into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

The Proper Preface: "Easter"

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 Congregation kneels as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

The Great Thanksgiving "A"

PRESIDENT/BISHOP:

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 every 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/BISHOP

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

PRESIDENT/BISHOP:

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 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.

Communion Prelude:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT/BISHOP 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/BISHOP 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

Form A

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 may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He 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 regiasagni 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 Pharaoh'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 ~ "Christ is arisen" (Schutz)

Hymn for Blessing the Children ~ 661 "Morning has broken like the first morning"

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt., from The Children's Bells, Published by Oxford University Press. Words © David Higham Associates, Ltd.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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THE BISHOP AND PEOPLE SAY:

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. **Amen.**

The Blessing

- BISHOP:The Lord be with you.**PEOPLE:**And also with you.
- BISHOP: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
- PEOPLE: The maker of heaven and earth.

BISHOPBlessed be the Name of the Lord.PEOPLE:From this time and for evermore.

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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn 172~ "Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,"

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 Dismissal:

PRESIDENT:The Lord be with youALL:And also with you.PRESIDENT:Go in peace and serve the Lord.ALL:In the name of Christ. Amen

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## **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: EASTER DAY** YEAR C

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 and deliverance from death.

Second Lesson:

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

## Comments ~ "Christ raised from the dead"

In this lesson Paul describes the plan of the resurrection age: it has begun with Christ's rising, and this even gives us confidence that God will defeat death, the last enemy. Some of the Corinthians either doubted Christ's resurrection or held that Christians could already live a fully resurrected life of the spirit without any regard for the body. Paul insists on the reality of Christ's rising, which has made possible the hope of a new life in a world where all presently die.

## 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.** Fund Raising: The Annual Family Day Luncheon has been scheduled for May 5, 2019. 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 are available from members of the committee.

## The Bishop of Barbados

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#### BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER DAY 2019 (To Be Shared In All Churches On Easter Day, 21st APRIL 2019)

My fellow Anglicans,

On this Easter Day we celebrate the bedrock of our faith - the resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Christ - and the impact this has on our lives. Even though we are currently living in perilous times, we are still drawn to celebrate this Resurrection Day because it reminds us that our omnipotent God is able to raise light out of darkness, good out of evil, life out of death, and even celebration and vindication out of oppression and persecution. Hence we sing our glorious Alleluias!, with joy in our hearts, praising God for revealing, in the affirmative, the answer "Yes" to the age-old questions: 'if a man dies, will he live again?' or 'can these dry old broken bones have flesh and mobility again?' or 'can our lives and our nation be raised to a good life once again?' Today, we especially declare the good news that with God all things are possible and that He's into the business of restoration and making old (and all) things new. Easter gives us the confidence that while these days are evil, these dark days too shall pass away, for God will raise up good days, a new day, for those who trust and serve Him. That's the essential message of Easter - God enables the resurrection experience.

The resurrection experience is the restoring of a good life that once ceased to exist, the giving back of life that was destroyed by sin and death, the renewal of life as God created and desired it to be. That's God's promise of the resurrection experience revealed in the raising of our Lord Jesus Christ and the transformation witnessed within the lives of the first disciples who were once lost and filled with grief. In God raising Jesus back to life, this also brought life back to His disciples for their mourning turned to celebration, their feelings of despair to great hope for the future, their anxiety to peace of heart and mind, and their doubts to great faith in God. This is the resurrection experience, an experience that is also offered to us; not only at the point of our death, but also in this present life as God continues His saving mission of raising us to newness of life through His Son Jesus Christ.

When Jesus said that He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly, He was essentially expressing that we were spiritually "dead" and pretty much in need to be brought back to life, we needed a resurrection. We were dead due to our sins; and dead to that of living according to God's true and real

purpose for our lives. Therefore, He came that we might have life, raised and restored to a life freed of sin, shame and pain to a life of peace, joy and love. Jesus came to raise us to such a life; a life we have recently been calling NEWal. It was essentially through His life and ministry, and even by way of His resurrection, that His first followers were raised to that NEWal – to that new covenant and relationship with God, to that a new sense of peace, love and fellowship as a faith community and to that new level of participation in, and commitment to, God's mission of loving and saving and caring for the world. Our relationship with Jesus Christ, and the power and good news of His resurrection, is to enable the very same for us – the experience of NEWal, that resurrection experience.

Every day, our God really calls us, through His Holy Spirit, to allow Him to raise us from darkness to light, from sin to righteousness and from spiritual death to spiritual awakening; to be raised afresh. I'm hopeful that as Anglicans, we have been allowing His resurrecting power to work His purpose out in our lives; to raise us daily from a life where there may be any strife to a life of peace, where there may be any animosity, to that of offering and experiencing goodwill, where there may be any neglect of God in our lives to that of establishing an intimate relationship with Him, where there may be any selfishness and greed to that of having a generous and caring heart, and where there may be any vengeance of 'an eye for an eye' to be changed to that of 'turning the other cheek' and reconciling in love. It is to such a life, a resurrection experience in life, that our God desires us to take hold of, in the here and now and make our nation a better place.

During the Lenten season just concluded, we were especially invited to contemplate on God's call to NEWal – the resurrection experience of being raised with hearts transformed, to a new life. We were invited to consider what the Holy Spirit is saying to us for a time and season such as this, to raise us up as Anglicans to be:

- a chosen generation called forth to show God's excellence,
- shaped by Him through stages of **conversion**,
- responsive to His **commission** of intentionally making disciples of others
- living in **communion** with Him and each other in loving koinonia,
- zealous in sharing the good news of our faith through various forms of effective **communication** and
- staying the course with keen **commitment** despite the cost.

It is my hope that today is especially a celebration of God raising us to that new life; that we allowed His Holy Spirit to speak to us and plant those seeds of the Cs in our hearts, and we are raised and ready to go forth and bear the good fruit of the Spirit.

Easter, my friends, is the celebration of NEWal – the resurrection experience - the good news of being raised to newness of life now and in the future. May today's observance, and the forty-days of this Easter season, be such a time of celebration as God brings us to life.

My family and I wish you a blessed Easter celebration.

Your friend and bishop,

+Michael Barbados

## **Cathedral Ministries**

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EASTER DAY

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist 11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins 7:00 P.M. ~ Deanery Evensong, Procession and the Hallelujah Chorus

> Tuesday, April 23rd 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 24th 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 25th 12:15 P.M. ~ Holy Eucharist Next Sunday, April 28th The Second Sunday of Easter 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist 9:00 A.M. Sunday Eucharist

Congratulation to all those person celebrating birthdays this week \sim April 21 st – 27 th , 2019

> Mr. William Cumberbatch ~ 21st Mrs. Vivian G. O. Bowen ~ 25th Mr. Liam N. Clarke ~ 25th Ms. Sandra Moore ~ 25th Ms. Alice P. Hall ~ 27th Mrs. Denise V. Taitt-Proute ~ 27th



May God bless and strengthen you.

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