



*He is not here:*

for he is risen, as he said.

Come, see the place  
where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6

CHRIST *is* RISEN

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! **1 Corinthians 5:7**

**Versicles & Responses**

- V. Blessed be the Lord our God,  
R. **By whose grace we are yet alive.**
- V. Blessed be His Son Jesus Christ,  
R. **By whose rising we are set free.**
- V. Blessed be the Spirit of God,  
R. **In whom is our hope and our joy**

**Prayer of Intent**

Let us pray

Father, we come together in the Name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, to offer you our worship, praise and thanksgiving. To you belong all power and glory. You are the source of all goodness. Let our worship bear witness to your

peace and saving power. Through your Spirit may we ever rejoice in the abiding presence of our risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

**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 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 in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Confession & Absolution**

***The Minister says:***

Lord, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

***Silence may be kept.***

***Minister and people, together say:***

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All:**

Grant merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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 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 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 Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever.

**Amen**

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 "*Gentiles Hear the Good News*"

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**The Song of Moses** *Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted;  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge;  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him,  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior;  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the  
sea; the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned  
in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might;  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods?  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed;  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy  
dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign  
for ever and for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for  
ever. Amen.**

## Second Lesson: John 20:1-18 *“The Resurrection of Jesus”*

20 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.’ <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### *“Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene”*

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.’ <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ 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.’ <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> 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."'<sup>18</sup> 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.

**You are God** *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you:

the noble fellowship of prophets praise you,

the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded;  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship;  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free:

you did not abhor the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory:

we believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people:  
bought with the price of your own blood;  
and bring us with your saints:  
to glory everlasting.

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

## THE PRAYERS

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And also with you.**

*The Minister shall say:*

*Let us 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 SUFFRAGES “B”**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day ~ “Easter”

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.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Protection**

O God, the lover of unity and author of peace, to know you is eternal life; to serve you is perfect freedom. Defend us your servants from all assaults of the enemy, that we may trust in your defence and nor fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Sunday**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Reflection**

**Special Intentions for today:** discernment to come to resurrection faith; the proclamation of the saving presence of Christ; and for deliverance and healing in the midst of the novel Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, in the world today.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Holy Word.

May it be a lantern to our feet,

A light to our paths,

And a strength to our lives.

Take us and use us to love and serve all persons

in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the Name of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us evermore. **Amen.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And also with you.**

V. Let us bless the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

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.



## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD: EASTER DAY YEAR A

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

**Comments** ~ *“God raised Jesus on the third day”*

In this lesson **Peter realises 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: Colossians 3:1-4

**Comments** ~ *“Raised with Christ”*

**Those who have shared in the experience of Christ’s resurrection are to set their minds on the things that are above.** Although disciples still live on earth in anticipation of the glory to come, in another sense they have already died to their former ways of sin. The true meaning and destiny of their lives is hidden with Christ in God.

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. The Cathedral Church** is now fully closed further to the recent announcement of emergency measures by The Attorney General, The Honourable Dale Marshall, Q.C., M.P., due to Barbados being at Stage 3 of the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic which restricts all Churches from opening.
- 2. Confirmation Classes:** Please note that registration for Confirmation Classes has started. It is anticipated that Confirmation will be celebrated in November, as part of the Diocese's "Mission 2020: God's Gathering" initiative. Interested persons can collect forms from the table at the west door of the Cathedral. Completed forms should be returned to the Office as soon as health conditions in the country make that possible.
- 3. Household Worship:** The cathedral is closed to public worship; however, members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer at the regular Sunday service times, 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., or at a time convenient to the family. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for Easter Week

begins on page 745, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are Exodus 12:14-27; Psalm 93 & 98; and Mark 16:1-8.

4. **Stewardship of Treasure:** During this period when the congregation is not assembling for corporate worship, I appeal to everyone to fulfil their individual financial commitments to God, in the mission of the Cathedral. By the regular use of the envelopes which have been issued. I further encourage members to make your contributions in any of the following ways:
  - i. Write a cheque to St. Michael's Cathedral, place it in the regular offering envelope and then in another envelope addressed to The Dean, St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael for mailing purposes.
  - ii. Make an online payment to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02.
  - iii. If none of these two arrangements is convenient, I ask that the offering be set aside, either weekly or monthly, as one would normally present it, and that the entire package be ready when corporate worship resumes.
  
5. **Ministry Today:** The regular pattern of worship in the Church has been suspended indefinitely; and the circumstances inhibit the practice of ministry in general. There are implications everywhere. The Diocesan administration is engaged in looking at interim measures to cope with the crisis; so too has been the Cathedral's leadership. It is hoped that members would appreciate the



difficulties and play their part in supporting their clergy and each other, by prayer and electronic communication. Be assured of the clergy's concern for the well-being of all; and of their prayers during this unprecedented time in the affairs of the world, the nation and the Church.

*Congratulations to all those person celebrating birthdays  
this week ~ April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

**Mr. George L. Asgill ~ 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mr. Daniel A. D. Agard ~ 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mrs. Norma Caddle ~ 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mr. Anthony E. Hoyte ~ 18<sup>th</sup>**



*May God bless and strengthen you.*



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# Jesus loves you!

For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten  
Son, that whoever believes in  
Him should not perish,  
*but have eternal life.*

JOHN 3:16

Wishing you a blessed Easter.



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