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*(Members assemble in the courtyard for the Lighting of
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The Officiant: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

1. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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The Kindling & Blessing of the New Fire

The Inscription of the Paschal Candle

The Procession into the Church

The Exultet

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2. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:2

Lector: Mr. Darwin Clarke

Comment: *“The story of Creation”*

Our lesson is **the story of creation**. As this ancient narrative opens, the Spirit of the Lord hovers like a great mother bird over the shapeless world. God then forms the heaven and the earth and all its creatures in six days. The seventh day is set aside as a day of rest. God's ultimate creative act is human life, made in

God's own image, to whom rulership and responsibility over all other life are given.

Psalm 33

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“Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;”

A psalm in praise of God, creator and redeemer.

Prayer

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The Second Lesson: Exodus 14: 10 to 15:1

Lector: Mr. Darwin Clarke

Comment: *“Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea”*

This reading is **the story of the deliverance of Israel from bondage in Egypt**. The people are terrified when they see the pursuing army and complain that it would have been better to live in slavery than to die in the wilderness. Moses urges them to have courage, for they will see the salvation of the Lord, who has called them to freedom to serve the one true God. The Lord then brings them safely through the sea and destroys the army of the Egyptians.

Canticle “The Song of Moses”

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Prayer

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A Song of Praise is sung and bells may be rung, according to local custom.

The Gloria in Excelsis

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The Collect of the Day

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Eternal Giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your

Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Hymn ~ 186 “Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,”

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Gospeller:

The Very Rev’d Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

The Sermon: The Rev’d Dr. Marcus Lashley

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The Greeting of the Peace Form “A” Page 124

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4. THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory **Hymn ~ 182**

“Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done;”

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The Administration of Communion/Spiritual Communion



Hymn ~ 578

“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;”

The Post –Communion Prayer

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The Blessing “Easter”

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Recessional **Hymn ~ 174**

“The Lord is risen indeed!”

Cathedral Ministries

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 4th, 2021

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

11:00 A.M. ~ Choral Matins with Communion



Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, April 11th, 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter
7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



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THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER EASTER 2021
(To be shared in all Churches on Easter Day,
4th April, 2021)

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This Sunday, as we observe the Queen of all Feasts that commemorates our Lord's resurrection, commonly called Easter Sunday, I greet you in the wonderful name of our Risen Lord and trust that you are in a good place – physically, emotionally, and spiritually - in spite of an unusual year since last Easter. Today is the most joyous feast day for us as Christians as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the good news that we too, like Him, will experience such victory and share a place in God's eternal kingdom. So, it is a day to rejoice; a day to be thankful; a day to once again sing our loud Alleluias! It is

a day to appreciate the blessings God has given us. Even in these times, whether we are able to join with our Church Family for in-person worship or with our families at home for virtual worship, we can still be joyful. Whether we are permitted to entertain the extended family in our homes for fellowship and an Easter spread or restrained to that of simply having a meal with our household because of the pandemic, we can still be thankful. Irrespective of our current situation, we are called on such a day and season like Easter not to allow anything or anyone to steal our joy of celebrating the love and intervening power of God so fully revealed through the act of raising His Son, Jesus Christ on that first Easter morn. On that day, He demonstrated that He is our God who forever loves us and has the power to raise us out of any tomb, out of any gloomy circumstance, so that we may experience life and joy once again as His children. That is the message, the hope, the promise of Easter; and we are to ever hold fast to that good news notwithstanding the signs of the times and circumstances in which now live. That good news of Easter, reminds us that God works all things for good to those who love Him and live according to His purpose. It reinforces within our hearts, minds, and souls that no matter what humanity, the world or the devil may throw our way to cause us to fail, God is able and willing to intervene and transform any situation, to use it for a greater good, and to bring about a newness of life. The good news of Easter is that in spite of the challenges we face, we can overcome them with God's help. The good news of Easter is that good will ultimately triumph over evil, life will conquer death, selflessness will win over selfishness, love will overcome hatred, kindness will outweigh greed, and joy will take the place of sorrow. The resurrection of Jesus at Easter gives

us that hope; not the hope of wishful thinking or our desire or longing for something which we are not sure will ever happen or be accomplished in the future but the sure and certain hope that God will never ever let us down but will inevitably make right what is wrong in our lives and in our world. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the hope of which Peter speaks, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...” (1 Peter 1:3-4). It is a hope that is promised, and which is based on an event that has already taken place. It is a hope that is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is a reminder that ultimately everything is going to be alright. Regardless of whatever we may go through in this life - whether it is illness, the loss of a loved one or a job, the failure of a relationship or a bad decision we have made, the inability to financially support our families at present – whatever it is, remember that God is ever present in our lives and He is even now making a way. He is available and always willing to guide us and to bring us through times of suffering when we are experiencing the “valley” moments in our lives to the “mountain tops” of life again. He is there to strengthen us to climb every mountain, and take us through all the changing and challenging scenes of life. We have the good news that He will never leave us nor let us down; but rather, He will raise us up to experience a newness of life, a new and different life. This new life to which God desires to raise and empower us is experienced only through the gift and presence of His Holy Spirit in our lives. He wants to raise and enable us to be always resilient, to always stand

strong - fervent in our faith, enthusiastic in our lives, and committed in our relationships with Him and each other. At the same time, God wishes us to bounce forward, as His people, as witnesses of His presence in our lives, especially when we face the trials and changes in life that will inevitably come our way within this broken and sinful world. His desire is for us, as the resilient people He has called us to be, to live victoriously, love deeply and laugh cheerfully come what may; and to set that example of wholesome living for others to emulate. By living faithfully, people will see the love and joy of Jesus in us and desire such a life for themselves. As we today celebrate the foundation of our faith in our God who has the power to save, raise and bring newness of life, as fully revealed through His mighty act of raising our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, let us hold fast to that faith and know that He will continue to raise us to new life - a more faithful, wholesome, and spiritual life, so that we may live life and live it more abundantly. I wish to thank you again for your love, prayers, words of condolence and support for my family and me as we grieve the death of my beloved wife, Dawn. It is because of your expressions of love in varying ways, and the grace and mercy of God, that we have been upheld through this time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to remember us in your thoughts and prayers, as I will continue to pray for you and your families. I wish you a blessed and joyous Easter.

Your friend and bishop,

+Michael Barbados.

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