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The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Services 7:00 A.M. & 9:00 A.M.

# The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day YEAR B

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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

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# **BOOKS ON THE PANDEMIC**

Virus as a Summons to Faith; Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief, and Uncertainty, Brueggemann, Walter (Paternoster: Thinking Faith, 2020)

We shall be changed. Questions for the Post-Pandemic Church, Edited by Mark D. W. Edington (Church Publishing Incorporated 2020)

God and The Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath, N.T. Wright (Zondervan Reflective 2020)

The Distanced Church: Reflections on Doing Church Online, Heidi A. Campbell, Editor (e-book). College Station, Tx: Digital Religion Publications, 2020.

Candles in the Dark: Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic, Rowan Williams, SPCK Publishing 2020



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude

# Opening Hymn ~ 180

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)

# Opening Sentence "Easter"

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# THE INVOCATION

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#### PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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**

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# **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 magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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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.

The Collect: "Easter Day" Page 166

Let us pray.

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.** 

First Lesson: Acts 10: 34-43

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C. 9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, verses 34 to 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.'

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm **118:1-2, 14-24** *Confitemini Domino* Page 625

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes, Q. C. 9:00 A.M. ~ Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw

A reading from the Word of God written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 1 to 11.

# The Resurrection of Christ

15Now I should remind you, brothers, and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord. **ALL:** Thanks be to God.

# The Gradual Hymn ~ 175

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, mit ihm auch ich, German; translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), with others

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 **Gospellers:** 

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 16, verses 1 to 8.

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

#### The Resurrection of Jesus

16When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

**ALL:** Praise to Christ our Lord.

# The Sermons:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson 9:00 A.M. ~ The Rt. Rev'd Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS Page 264ff

#### 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 baptised?

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 power of 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

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. Amen

#### 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 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 OVER 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 baptised into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. 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 baptised 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.

### THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

# The Offertory Hymn ~ 163

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he who on the cross a Victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield; then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine, from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace, rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

# THE OFFERTORY PRAYER "B"

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## PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE EUCHARISTC PRAYER

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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:

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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 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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# 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

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# 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 "B"

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#### PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **ALL:**

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

# THE AGNUS DEI

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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/Spiritual Communion

Hymn ~ 607

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, first-begotten from the dead, thou alone, our strong defender, liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now,
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's Stem.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished once for all when thou wast slain, in its fullness undiminished shall for evermore remain.

Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, stricken Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died.

Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified.

# THE POST COMMUNION "A"

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#### **ALL:**

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirts shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE BLESSING "Easter"

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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.

## ALL: Amen.

# Greetings and Thanks

## THE DISMISSAL

The Recessional Hymn ~ 172

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

# Organ Postlude

# WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



# Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Day Year B

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Comment: "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.

Second Reading (The Epistle): 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Comment: "Witnesses to the risen Christ"

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his basic 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 persecutor of the church his commission as an apostle.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

**Comment:** "The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement."

Our gospel tells how three women disciples first learn of Jesus' resurrection. Coming to the tomb early in the morning, they are astounded to find its huge stone covering rolled back. A young man, in appearance like an angel, announces to them that Jesus is risen and will go before his disciples to Galilee. The event is awesome, even terrifying. The women flee from the tomb and, for at least a time, report nothing to anyone because of their fear.

## **CATHEDRAL NEWS**

**STEWARDSHIP:** The 2021 Stewardship Envelopes can be collected from the Administrative office during office hours, Monday to Friday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



Household Worship: Public worship has resumed in the Cathedral; however, in accordance with the provision of the EMP (COVID-19) (No. 7) Directive 2021, attendance is limited to a maximum of seventy-five (75) persons. Meantime, members are encouraged to worship virtually at the 9:00 Eucharist, or 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 746, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 1, and the readings for Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are Jonah 2:1-9, Psalms 93 & 98, and Acts 2:14, 22-32.

Stewardship of Treasure: During the period of lockdown, members were unable to make their regular financial contributions to the church in the usual manner. However, several persons made use of the options which were provided, and we are grateful for their contributions. For the convenience of all, online payments may be made to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

#### THEME FOR THE WEEK

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



#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Diocesan Calendars:** The 2021 Diocesan Calendars are available through the office of the Administrative Assistant, at the price of \$6.00 each.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Synod Council at its February a resolution meeting passed which authorised the postponement of the Annual Parish meetings across the Diocese, until they can be lawfully convened and as the Bishop shall direct. This decision was made in view of the current restrictions, which limit the number of people who can assemble in public gatherings. Consequently, the term of the Parochial Church members, including the Lay Synod Representatives, has been extended until such time as the meeting is held. Meantime, any vacancies which might occur before that time, will be filled in accordance with Regulation D4: 17 of the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Diocese.

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays this month April 2021

Mr. Philip L Sydney Archer ~ 1<sup>st</sup>
Ms. Xenia A. Watson ~ 1<sup>st</sup>

Ms. Coral E. Riley  $\sim 3^{rd}$ Mr. Ricardo M. Rollock ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Ms. Mabel C. Armstrong ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Ms. Joni Walker ~ 7th Ms. Claudine M. Manning ~ 9th Ms. Beverley R. Bradshaw ~ 10th Mr. Henderson R. Williams ~ 10th Mr. Neville G. Griffith ~ 11th Ms. Elma F. Lashley ~ 11th Mr. Daniel A. D. Agard ~ 15th Ms. Norma Caddle ~ 16th Mr. Anthony E. Hoyte ~ 18th Mr. William Cumberbatch ~ 21st Mr. Harold DaC. Alleyne ~ 25th Mrs. Vivian G. O. Bowen ~ 25th Mr. Liam N. Clarke ~ 25th Ms. Sandra Moore ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Ms. Alice P. Hall ~ 27th Mrs. Denise V. Taitt-Proute ~ 27th Ms. Undine Straker ~ 28th Mrs. Andrea A. D. Thomas ~ 29th Mrs. Sherry L. S. Cumberbatch ~ 30<sup>th</sup>



May God bless and strengthen you.



Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Mrs. Colleen Byer, Ms. Eudora Cooper, Ms. Alice P. Hall, Mr. Jonathan Holder, (N.Y), Ms. Selina Jones, Mrs. Vida King, Mr. Blair Murray, Ms. Phyllis Springer, and Ms. Winifred Trotman.



**Bereavement:** We extend sincere condolences to the families of the late Mrs. Clorine Holmes-Weekes and Sir Courtney Blackman. We thank God for their lives, work, and witness among us.

May you know the blessedness of those who mourn.

### **CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES**

Today Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Resurrection of the Lord: Easter Day

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

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

**6:00 P.M.** ~ UpLift Concert by The Nicholas Brancker Band and Guest Artists

https://youtube.com/channel/UCjkSSEBdpVjDVEeFGNtC VmA



Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist



Next Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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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