



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

Easter Day Service
7:00 A.M.

"To be a guiding light of Christ's grace, justice, freedom and love".

**The Cathedral Church of
Saint Michael and All Angels**
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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025, 7:00 A.M.
EASTER DAY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

President and Preacher
The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

*(Members assemble under the Belfry for the Lighting of the
New Fire)*

1. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

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The Kindling and Blessing of the New Fire
The Inscription of the Paschal Candle
The Procession into the Church

*The President lights the candle from the new fire,
saying*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds

The Exultet

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The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

Then the person appointed, standing near the Candle, says the Exultet, as follows.

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
Echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

The Collect: "Easter Day"

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

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 our enemy: 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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Lector: 7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Mary Haynes

A reading from the Word of God written in the Acts of the Apostles, the tenth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fourth verse.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. 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

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

2 Let Israel now proclaim, “His mercy endureth for ever”.

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song; and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous.

16 “The right hand of the LORD hath triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over unto death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness, I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, he who is righteous may enter.

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief 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.

(Please sit)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Lector: ~ Ms. Shernelle O’Neale

A reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the nineteenth verse.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual 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

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

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

GOSPELLER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John, the
twentieth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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.

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ.

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

(Please sit)

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

(Please stand, as able)

Hymn ~ 186 *(During the singing, there is a procession to the font)*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the Paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heaven.

While we, his soldiers, praise our King,
his mercy we implore,
within his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Words: Fulbert of Chartres (9??-1028),
from Chorus navae Jerusalem, Latin; translation: Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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The President blesses the water, first saying

President The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

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We thank you for the gift of water; over it 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.

At the following words, the President touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS Page 264

The President may address the people in the following words.

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in His Holy Catholic Church.

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.

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.

The President may sprinkle the assembled congregation with water from the font as a reminder of their baptism.

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 GREETING OF THE PEACE “A” Page 124

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 peace on earth
And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955

(Please sit)

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory 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 enthrall 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 OFFERTORY PRAYER “B”

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

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

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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: *(Go to page 128)*

For you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. *(Go to page 131)*

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!

(Please sit or kneel as able)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “B”

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PRESIDENT:

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy
by the power of your Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

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."

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.
Do this, whenever you drink it,
For the remembrance of me."

ALL:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
the death of Christ until He comes again.**

PRESIDENT:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,
in communion with blessed Mary
and the whole company of heaven,
to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

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 “B”

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PRESIDENT:

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

ALL:

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

THE COMMUNION

(All baptised members of the Church, as inspired, may come to the altar and receive Holy Communion)

The Invitation “Form “A”

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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

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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

The Communion Hymns ~ 177 & 170

Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus, my Saviour;
waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain:

*Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives for ever with his saints to reign:
he arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed,
Jesus, my Saviour;
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my Saviour,
he tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Hymn ~ 170

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Refrain:

*Because he lives I can face tomorrow;
because he lives all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
and feel the pride, and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain:
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.

Refrain

*Words: Gloria Gaither (1942-), and William Gaither (1936-).
Words © William J. Gaither.*

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 Spirit 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BLESSING ~ “*Easter Day*”

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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.*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Recessional Hymn ~ 138 AMS

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen ! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!
For our gain He suffer'd loss
By Divine decree;
He hath died upon the Cross,
But our God is He.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!

See the chains of death are broken;
Earth below and heav'n above
Joy in each amazing token
Of His rising, Lord of love;
He for evermore shall reign
By the Father's side,
Till He comes to earth again,
Comes to claim His Bride.
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He hath burst His bonds in twain;
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! swell the strain!

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

O'er the universe to reign.



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 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: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Comments ~ “*God raised from the dead, the first fruits*”

In this lesson Paul describes the plan of the resurrection age: it has begun with Christ’s rising, and this event 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 disciple 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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: The ministry, mission and maintenance of the Cathedral is supported primarily by its members' contributions weekly and monthly. However, contributions are appreciated from anyone. An invitation is extended to all visitors and well-wishers to support the financial needs of this sacred place. Please donate to St. Michael's Cathedral, Bridgetown, St. Michael.

Friends and well-wishers may write to stmichaelcathedral@caribsurf.com or call 1 246-427-0790 for more details. Meantime, donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

2. **INITIAL OFFERING:** A total of (\$3,264.00) has been received for the Initial Offering. Sincere thanks to all. Members who have not made their offering as yet are asked to do so as soon as possible.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

3. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - CATHEDRAL REVITALIZATION 2024 and BEYOND: Mission – Ministry -Maintenance - Money.

- I. This campaign aims to revitalize the Cathedral’s heritage; to strengthen congregational vitality; and to build the Church for tomorrow. All are invited to get involved and to recommend the programme to others, especially persons who were nurtured in this sacred place.
- II. **DONATION CARDS:** Please note that Cards are still available for members to solicit donations from family, friends and well-wishers to support the Cathedral. Your continued generosity and kind cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
- III. **MINISTRY:** Opportunities are available for members to serve the Cathedral as **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** (primarily to administer communion to the Shut-in); **Servers** (to prepare the Sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments, and assisting the clergy; and **Audio Technicians** (to assist, set up and

monitor the sound equipment during services). Interested persons are asked to contact The Dean. Please note that training will be provided for each ministry.

- IV. **Gifts, Memorials and Thanksgiving:** Members are invited to donate items for use in worship in memory of loved ones who have passed, and to celebrate birthdays, wedding and confirmation anniversaries and other achievements. Donation options may also include flowers to decorate the church on First Sundays or during the Church's Festivals. We invite your floral contributions for **"Easter Day"**. To offer your donation, you may contact the Administrative Assistant.

***Congratulation to all those person celebrating birthdays
this week ~ April 20 –26, 2025***

21 Mr. William Cumberbatch

25 Harold DaC. Alleyne

Ms. Vivian G. O. Bowen

Mr. Liam N. Clarke

Mrs. Sandra Moore



May God bless and strengthen you.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Colleen Byer, Darwin Clarke,

Heather Coward-Downes, The Most Rev'd Drexel Gomez, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Jonathan Holder, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Jeffrey Mascoll, Marlene Moore, Blair Murray, Clyde Outram, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Arlington Watson, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, Ernesta Yarde and George Yearwood.



BEREAVEMENT: We extend sincere condolences to the family of the late:



- Mrs. Mildred Cox-Inniss (Shut-in)
We thank God for her life, work, and witness among us.

May the bereaved family know the blessedness of those who mourn.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

“Christ’s resurrection is the seal of God on the authenticity of our faith.”



Cathedral’s Self-Denial Cards: Sincere thanks to all who have participated in the Lenten act of self-denial, almsgiving and Bible Study under the theme: “Building the Beloved Community”. Please place the completed Cards, with the envelopes, in the boxes which have been provided.



The winners of the kites in the Sunday School Easter Quiz are:

LaShawn Austin, Shaquan Pompey and Keayana Craigwell who were the first three entries with all correct responses.

There are 3 consolation prizes for:

Gia Ifill, Mary Weekes, Skylar and Kaelen Smith.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Here is the solution to the quiz:

Sunday School Easter Quiz – SOLUTION

1. The first day of the Lenten season is **b. Ash Wednesday**
 - a. Fasting day
 - b. Ash Wednesday
 - c. Tempted Day
2. The Friday when Jesus was crucified is **c. Good Friday**
 - a. Black Friday
 - b. Sad Friday
 - c. Good Friday
3. Jesus was attached to the cross with **c. Nails**
 - a. Glue
 - b. His clothes
 - c. Nails
4. The Sunday before Easter is **a. Palm Sunday**
 - a. Palm Sunday
 - b. Holy Sunday
 - c. Resurrection Sunday

5. The name of the 40-day period of fasting and reflection before Easter is **c. Lent**
a. Epiphany b. Ramadan c. Lent
6. The week leading up to Easter is **c. Holy Week**
a. Pre-Easter week b. Holiday Week c. Holy Week
7. The Liturgical colour for Easter is **b. White**
a. Blue b. White c. Red
8. Kites are flown at Easter to represent Jesus' **a. Resurrection** from the dead.
a. Resurrection b. Escape c. Awakening
9. The Easter Egg is a symbol of **c. New life and Rebirth**
a. Chocolate b. Creation c. New life and Rebirth
10. The season immediately after Easter is **b. Pentecost**
a. Advent b. Pentecost c. Christmas



Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
April 20 to 26, 2025

Day	Morning Readings	Evening Readings
Easter Day	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Exodus 12:1-14 John 1:1-18	Psalms 113, 114, or 118 Isaiah 51:9-11 Luke 24:13-35 or John 20:19-23
Monday	Psalms 93, 98 Jonah 2:1-9 Acts 2:14, 22-32 or 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Psalms 66 Exodus 12:14-27 John 14:1-14
Tuesday	Psalms 103 Isaiah 30:18-21 Acts 2:36-41(42-47) Or 1 Corinthians 15:12-28	Psalms 111, 114 Exodus 12:28-39 John 14:15-31
Wednesday	Psalms 97,99 Micah 7:7-15 Acts 3:1-10 or 1 Corinthians 15(29)30-41	Psalms 115 Exodus 12:40-51 John 15:1-11
Thursday	Psalms 146, 147 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Acts 3:11-26 or 1 Corinthians 15:41-50	Psalms 148, 149 Exodus 13:3-10 John 15:12-27
Friday	Psalms 136 Daniel 12:1-4, 13 Acts 4:1-12 or 1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Psalms 118 Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 John 16:-1-15
Saturday	Psalms 145 Isaiah 25:1-9 Acts 4:13-21(22-31) or 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:10	Psalms 104 Exodus 13:17—14:4 John 16:16-33 <i>Collect for 2 Easter</i>

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR EASTER DAY 2025 ***(To Be Shared In All Churches On Easter Sunday,*** ***APRIL 20, 2025)***

My dear family in Christ,

As we on this Easter Day once again celebrate the anniversary of our Lord's resurrection, we have that timeless reminder that our God is, and always will be, the source and giver of life – the Life-Giver. Today, we call to mind the testimony given to us in Scripture, within the gospel, that on the first day of the week, following the Friday of Jesus' execution, death and burial, God raised His Son, our Lord, whom He sent into this messy world to offer us life anew through the gift of His love, forgiveness and reconciliation.

By raising His Son back to life, we are given the assurance that this is God's intention for all who trust and serve Him. He will never allow evil or death to have the final say in depriving us of life, for God's will is always to be the source of life and to give us life in the present and the future; while on the other hand, death is the will of the enemy whose goal is to steal that life away from us or for us to give up on life. Jesus reminds us of this in John's gospel, chapter 10 and

verse 10, “The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy [but he] came that [we] may have life and have it abundantly.” Our Lord showed the contrast between the purpose of his God-given mission in this world and that of the evil one.

In resurrecting His Son, our God enabled Him to continue this life-giving purpose for it was because of his resurrection that God restored life and vitality to the disciples who were grieving the death of their Master and Teacher, who feared for their lives and lost all hope. It was because of our Lord’s resurrection they were able to find peace, joy and meaning in life again, to get on with their lives and face whatever challenges the future may bring. They also became life-giving agents for others who observed their manner of life that testified of God’s love and mercy, forgiveness and a restored relationship with Him.

As Christians, God calls us to see Him as the Life-Giver and to encounter the joy of being forgiven and reconciled so we may live virtuous lives. He calls us to experience His abundant life of peace, joy, love, and purpose, to live for Him now and eternally, to face the future with confidence, and to share with others – our family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, strangers the good news of what God offers all of us through Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord and Saviour. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord today, and for the next fifty days of the Easter Season, we do so with the blessed assured that life, rather than death, is God’s will for all of us, and we claim it even now as we offer Him thanks and praise for life in the present despite the challenges, and for the promise of eternal life in the future with Him. Today is also to be a reminder of how valuable life is for us and how God values life. Resurrection, my friends, is about

life... not only eternal life but our present life and the way in which we are called to live this life.

Let us therefore fully acknowledge and appreciate the value, sanctity and dignity of every human life, ours and others, and to inspire all persons to do the same. We are never to “steal and kill and destroy” the lives or livelihood of people by our thoughts, words or actions, but we are to encourage and build up one another in love and to wholesome living. May we be inspired, through the testimony of Jesus’ resurrection, to live our lives more faithfully for the Life-Giver, taking greater personal care for our physical and spiritual wellbeing, and lovingly care for those around us as Jesus cares for them, especially those who find life difficult at this time, for this is the will of God.

Make no mistake, my friends, as the hymn writers Gloria and William Gaither declares, “life is worth the living just because He lives;” for our God is eternally our Life-Giver, Hallelujah! To that the Church says, “Amen!”

On behalf of my family, I wish you and yours a blessed and joyous Eastertide.

I am your friend and bishop,

+Michael Barbados.

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SERMON NOTES

Sermon

Text:.....
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Topic:

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Preacher:

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Points to Ponder:

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What was God saying specifically to me during the
Sermon?

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