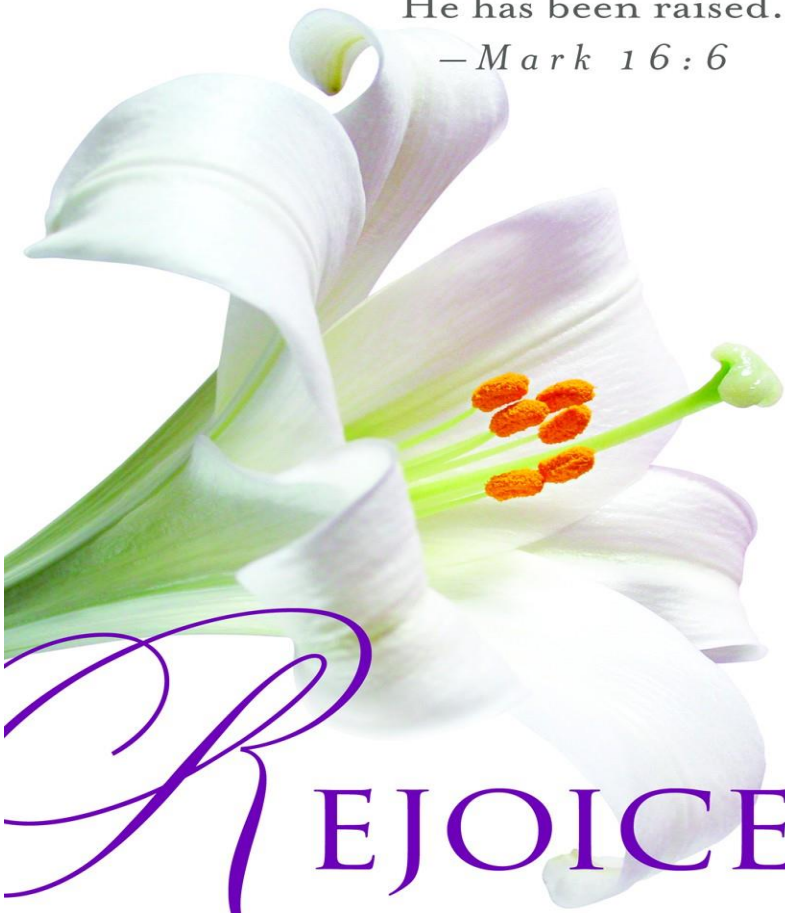


He has been raised.

— *Mark 16:6*



REJOICE!

**Easter Day
Services**

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

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER DAY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presidents:

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
Deacon of the Liturgy: The Rev'd Re-Shan A. White
Deacon of the Word: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

Organ Prelude

Welcome

Introit Hymn ~ "Christ is risen!"

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 suffered loss

**By divine decree;
He hath died upon the cross,
But our God is He.**

Refrain

***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 forevermore shall reign
By the Father's side,
Till He comes to earth again,
Comes to claim His Bride.**

Refrain

**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.**

Refrain

Words: A. T. Gurney

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

THE INVOCATION

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PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. **Amen.**

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.*

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

(Please sit)

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Paul Blackman

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Leighton Waterman

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

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Lectors: 7:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 A.M. ~ Mr. Stephen White

A reading from the Word of God, written in Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians, the third chapter, beginning at the first verse.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

LECTOR: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able)

The Gradual Hymn ~ 182

Antiphon:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:

Antiphon or Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst.

Antiphon or Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:

Antiphon or Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee

Antiphon or Alleluia! Antiphon

*Words: anonymous, from Finita jam sunt proelia, 17th century, Latin;
translation: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

Gospeller: The Rev'd Richard O. Alleyne

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

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:

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

(Please stand, as able)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS Page 265

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***

(Please stand)

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.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

HYMN OF FELLOWSHIP: *(During the singing of this hymn worshippers, are encouraged, as inspired, to share tangible expressions such as a hand shake, etc.)*



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

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 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 Füchtgott Gellert (1715-1769),
from Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich, German;
translation: Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), with others*

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 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 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. *(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)

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 every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine

may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: “Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And after supper
He took the cup of wine:
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

PRESIDENT:

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 for 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 "A"

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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 “A”

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PRESIDENT:

My brother 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 ~ 170 & 180

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.*

Hymn ~ 180

(Worshippers who desire a blessing for their birthday or marriage anniversary are asked to come to the altar during the singing of this hymn.)

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,

the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own ‘All hail,’ and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*Words: John of Damascus (c696-c754)
from translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER “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 Spirit shines

gives 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.

At 7:00 A.M.

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, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING:

President: Our help is in the name of the Lord
People: **The maker of heaven and earth**

President: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: **From this time forth for evermore.**

At 9:00 A.M.

THE BLESSING ~ “Easter Day”

Page 150

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.

(Please sit)

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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 realizes that the good news of the gospel is meant for all people, and he proclaims the**

crucified and risen Jesus. At first Peter was slow to believe that God wanted him to bring the word to a non-Jew. But God has shown this to be the divine will, and Peter gladly responds to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, together with his family and friends. The risen Jesus has appeared to chosen witnesses, and all who trust in him receive forgiveness of sins in his name.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

A festival hymn sung in procession in praise of the Lord's salvation and deliverance from death.

Second Lesson: (The Epistle) Colossians 3:1-4

Comments ~ *“Raised with Christ to seek the higher things”*

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 ~ *“Proclaiming the resurrection”*

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: Donations can be made through online payments to St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 2719302; Transit # 09606.

- Streaming Equipment Foundational Setup
- \$35,000.00
- Repairs to the Southern Balcony - \$59,400.00
- Repairs to the Chapter Room - \$12,750.00
- Repairs to the Roof - \$20,000.00

“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)



THEME FOR THE WEEK

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



***Congratulations to all those persons celebrating birthdays
this week ~ April 5 – 11, 2026***

5 Mr. Ricardo M. Rollock

Dr. Bernadette Farquhar

7 Ms. Joni Walker

9 Ms. Claudine M. Manning

10 Ms. Beverley R. Bradshaw

Mr. Henderson R. Williams
11 Mr. Neville G. Griffith



May God bless and strengthen you.



SICK: Please remember the sick or injured of our Parish and wider community, especially Daphne Browne, Margaret Browne, Darwin Clarke, Heather Coward-Downes, Alice P. Hall, Martin Haynes, Beverley Hinds, Marcia Hoyte, Selina Jones, Judy King, Helena Lyte, Marcia Oxley, Gloria Regis, Sylvester (Blues) Sargeant, Sheila Sealy, Claudette Sealy, Eleanor Small, Phyllis Springer, Winifred Trotman, Henderson R. Williams, The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Sir Wilfred Wood, Basil Worrell, and Ernesta Yarde.



Easter Flowers: The Flower Guild expresses thanks to persons who so kindly donated flowers for the Easter Festival.

DIOCESAN NEWS

- 1. SERVICE OF INSTALLATION:** On Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., there will be a Service of Installation at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels for: the recently appointed Registrar, Ms. Cyrilene Forde, J.P. and Chancellor, Mr. Michael Alleyne, J.P.; and a new Canon to the Cathedral Chapter, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Sonia Hinds, to the stall of St Aidan.

2. ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Transitional Deacons - The Rev'd Re-Shan White, The Rev'd Denis Maynard and The Rev'd Stevenson Sobers – will be ordained to the Priesthood on the Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (Before the Latin Gate), in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All angels, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.



EASTER DAY SCHEDULE

Today, Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER DAY

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

6:00 P.M. ~ Festal Evensong and the Hallelujah Chorus



Happy Easter!



**Daily Book of Common Prayer Readings
April 5 to 11, 2026**

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 <i>or</i> John 20:19-23
Monday	Psalms 93, 98 Exodus 12:14-27 Mark 16:1-8	Psalm 66 Jonah 2:1-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Tuesday	Psalm 103 Exodus 12:28-39 Mark 16:9-20	Psalms 111, 114 Isaiah 30:18-21 1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Wednesday	Psalms 97, 99 Exodus 12:40-51 Matthew 28:1-6	Psalm 115 Micah 7:7-15 1 Corinthians 15: (29)30-41
Thursday	Psalms 146, 147 Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 28:16-20	Psalms 148, 149 Ezekiel 37:1-14 1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Friday	Psalm 136 Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 Luke 24:1-12	Psalm 118 Daniel 12:1-4, 13 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Saturday	Psalm 145 Exodus 13:17—14:4 Mark 12:18-27	Psalm 104 Isaiah 25:1-9 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:10 <i>Collect for 2 Easter</i>

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BISHOP'S EASTER DAY MESSAGE 2026 **(To Be Shared at all Easter Day Services on APRIL 5,** **2026)**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this most holy day - Easter Day, the Feast of all Feasts - we are once again drawn into the mystery, wonder, and transforming joy of that first Easter morning. Scripture invites us, particularly in Matthew's Gospel, to recall how two women, disciples of Jesus, went to the tomb with heavy hearts, expecting to find His lifeless body. Instead, they received the astonishing news from an angel: "He is not here; for he has been raised." Receiving this news, they left the tomb not as they had arrived, but with great joy, transformed by the promise of the resurrection.

Like them, we rejoice today, for God has revealed this good news to us. His deep desire is not only to raise His Son from the dead, but to raise all people - from death to life, both now and eternally. God longs to bring us "back to life" - into a rich quality of living marked by hope, meaning and love.

This Easter message speaks directly into our present realities.

Many among us carry burdens that feel like forms of death. We grieve the loss of loved ones; silence fills our homes, and each day feels heavy in their absence. Death can seem to have the final word. Yet Easter proclaims that there is life beyond the grave, hope beyond loss, and the promise of eternal life with God and those who have gone before us. This is the resurrection hope we celebrate.

Many young people in our island are overwhelmed by uncertainty. Some struggle with their studies, others search for steady employment, and many wrestle with questions of identity, purpose, truth and worth. For them, death may appear as discouragement, anxiety, doubt, the temptation to give up or a lost sense of direction. Yet God desires to breathe new life into their dreams - opening doors where none seemed possible, awakening courage within them and surrounding them with mentors, guidance and opportunity. That's especially where God calls us, as His Church, to aid in their resurrection - to walk alongside them with love, patience, encouragement and genuine care, restoring them back to the life Christ intends.

There are those, too, whose struggles are less visible but no less real: those battling illness - whether physical or mental - those who feel isolated and alone, those burdened by guilt, regret, or a sense of failure. In these hidden places, death whispers that nothing can change, that hope is lost; but Easter declares that no darkness is too deep for God's light to reach because in Christ, there is forgiveness, restoration, and a renewed sense of dignity, belonging and purpose.

We cannot ignore, either, the realities that shape our wider society. In our communities and across our nation, we witness the painful effects of crime and violence, the erosion of trust, and the anxiety that comes from global unrest and conflict. These, too, are signs of death at work. Yet even here, the message of Easter resounds: no stone is too heavy for God to roll away. The resurrection assures us that God can bring healing where there is brokenness, reconciliation where there is division and war, and hope where it seems absent.

As we celebrate Easter, may we not simply remember the resurrection as a past event, but embrace it as a present and living truth. May this Easter be not only a celebration, but a renewal - a moment in which we allow God to raise us up again into the fullness of life in Christ.

On behalf of my wife, Chandra, and our boys - Michael John, Christopher, and Kalan - I wish you and yours a blessed and joyous Easter Day and season.

I am your friend and bishop,
+Michael Barbados.

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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