

EASTER DAY

Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: † Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SONG OF PRAISE

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon: After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daniel Simons

Priest-in-Charge

Following the sermon, we pause to reflect on what we have heard and how the preaching of God's Word has spoken to us today.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Celebrant prays over the water.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Creator?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: 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 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: 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.**

*(*Here, "catholic" means universal. It refers to the belief that the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus is a "universal" one that the Church proclaims to everyone, everywhere and always.)*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you cherish the works of Creation, and protect the beauty and integrity of all living things?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Celebrant bids the Prayers of the People and prays a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people share a sign of peace with one another.

Please consider making an offering to support the work and ministry of St. Paul's.

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Giving to St. Paul's is still possible, even from afar! During this difficult time, the church's expenses continue, and so we humbly ask that you continue your financial support of St. Paul's. Mail is regularly collected and deposits are being made, even while our doors are closed.

Prayerfully consider any of the following methods of giving:

- * **Mailing a check** made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church: 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851
 - * Mailing a check in your **pledge envelope** (for those who use them)
- * **Electronic payment** via your bank's online banking feature, as a one-time or recurring donation; your bank will mail a check to St. Paul's on your behalf
- * **Electronic giving** by credit card or ACH withdrawal directly from your bank account, as a one-time gift or regular pledge; visit <http://www.stpaulsnorwalk.org/donate>
 - * **Text-to-Give:** a simple and secure way to give from your phone.
Begin by texting the amount of your donation to **855-934-1074**
and follow the subsequent text prompts to complete your donation.

During this challenging time, the need to support each other is more present than ever, and we know that many are experiencing financial difficulties, job loss, and other hardships. Please don't hesitate to share these struggles with us, as there may be resources we can point you toward.

As a community, we will get through this. On the journey, St. Paul's is here.

Your Wardens,

Terri Polley (polley@stpaulsnorwalk.org) and Anne Watkins (watkins@stpaulsnorwalk.org)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

sung by the choir

Christus vincit, christus regnant, christus imperat!
Gloria Patri et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;
sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper et in saecula, saeculorum. Amen.

*Christ has conquered, Christ, our Sovereign, Christ reigns for evermore!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever and ever. Amen.*

setting: Joseph Noyon (1888-1962), arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant leads the Eucharistic Prayer.

At the direction of the Celebrant, the people sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *(sung twice)*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *(sung twice)*

setting: William Loparena, O.P.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the people to Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

sung by the choir

Alleluia. Amen.

music: Calvin Hampton (1948-1984)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **O God, you have made this day bright with the radiance of the risen Christ; may we who have been raised with him in baptism reflect the light of his glory, and live with him for ever.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

People: **AMEN.**

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.