

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - dian't brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.

Venite

sung by a cantor

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Blessed Being, Holy One of Hope, — What have You done? We shelter in our homes, separated and longing to see and touch one another. Forgetting not your promise, You send us the Risen One of Light, who brings us greetings of peace in our anxiety and unknowing.

Be present among us and help us to hear what you would have us do and be; give us the grace to act in community and become the economy of new life in Jesus name with the continuing aid of the Spirit.

People: Amen.

The First Lesson

Lector: A Reading from Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16: Conserva me, Domine

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Lesson

Lector: A Reading from First Peter

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, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According To John

People: Glory to You, O Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of Our Savior.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Poem

Kenosis, by Susan Neale

Like a mother, God had to let him go.
And so He was tipped over
like an hour glass

to empty Himself out of Heaven
into time
from infinite to infant,

drained
grain by grain
through that small gap.

Then He grew strong,
knowing
time was short, only
one way out:
tipped over, broken
on a cross--

but when he reached the bottom of Hell,
when there was nowhere lower he could go,
God gathered him up
like the dew through the Earth's crust
(people held His feet, but He kept rising)
like the mist to the clouds,
over everyone's shoulders,
the tiny dwindling cities,
above all Earth and Heaven,

and named Him:
Once Broken, now Unbreakable
Once Timebound, now Everlasting,
Once Lowest, now Highest of High,
and held Him close, and called Him
"My Son."

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- When have you dared to hope while you were in “the pit?”
- What would it take for you to be able to stay in “the room?”
- What needs to be refined in you during “the crucible” of this time?

Confession of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.
Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.
We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

Hymn

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

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The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In joy and hope let us pray to God. That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That we may be granted humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That we may help provide for those who lack food, work or shelter we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That war and famine may cease throughout the world, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That the light and presence of divinity may be revealed to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That, according to the promise, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: That the fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the people, so that we may bear faithful witness to the resurrection, we pray to God.

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: God, you are beyond our understanding, yet you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please join us for + **í í P " í J Ê 1 ã í r P í** by following this link:

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