

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 4, 2021

The Prelude: Canon in D

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Blessed Christ Is Ris'n Today, BWV 628

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Processional Hymn: 207 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, stanzas 1, 3, 4

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788);
Music: from Lyra Davidica, 1708, 4th st. harmony Dale Wood.

The Word of God

The Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Gloria

Celebrant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Easter 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively by half verse.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *

and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *

the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *

he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Sequence Hymn: 204 Now the Green Blade Riseth

NOËL NOUVELET

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain, thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt. Music: medieval French Carol

The Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Carmen Germino

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Prayers of the People

Leader

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go, saying Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

In this Easter season, may we commit ourselves to work for the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

We pray for our nation, and our world, and for its leaders, that your spirit of peace and renewal may overcome our differences, for Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Comfort all who suffer, and surround them with your grace. We pray for ***Anne, Caroline, Cary, Courtney, Deanna, Florence, Gary, Gary, Gray, Helen, Hilary, Jean, Jeff, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Marcy, Marvin, Mason, Mylo, Pat, Sandy, Sharon, Vern.*** Are there others? May they know your healing love, for Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Give rest to all who have died, and help us to trust that their pain is no more, for Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. Make us your sign of new life in our world, for Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Exchange of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. Today's loose plate offering will benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. If you are coming to 301 Caldwell Lane to receive Communion this morning, you may place your offering in the collection plate. Checks can be made out to St. Alban's Church with ERD Easter Offering in the memo line. If you would rather your donation go into the 2021 General Fund, then please put your contribution in an envelope labeled with "Pledge Offering" and your name. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.

The Offertory Hymn: 179 "Welcome, Happy Morning!" Age to Age Shall Say, stanzas 1-3, 6 FORTUNATAS

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say: hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the Dead is living, God forevermore! Him, their true Creator, all his works adore!
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light, hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea, Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain; all that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see; bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), atl.
Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Sursum Corda

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in

these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Ministration of Communion

Following the service, all are invited to come to 301 Caldwell Lane to receive Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament in the Bell Tower from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., no registration needed. Families with children can also participate in our Easter Trail.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: 175 Hail Thee, Festival Day, *stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6*

SALVE FESTA DIES

*Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever,
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.*

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns: *Refrain*

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God: *Refrain*

God the creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within: *Refrain*

Jesus the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God: *Refrain*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Postlude: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Healey Willan

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Janelle Davis, Alice Culin Ellison, and David Wilson, *violinists*
Marta Howard, *violinist*; Barbara Krumdieck, *cellist*; Barbara Weiss, *harpsichordist*