

# Easter Day

## Morning Prayer Rite II

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Hymn: He is Risen

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
He has burst his three days prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison, risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

### Opening Sentence

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Presider* Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pascha Nostrum & Psalter

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

*Presider* Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

### Christ our Passover **read in unison**

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 read in unison**

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.

*All*                    **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Read by Gwendolyn Daring

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Read by Deacon John Musco

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.”

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia, Raise the Gospel    sung by the Choir**

**Homily**            The Mothers

**The Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

*Presider*            Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* This is our faith, the faith of the Church and we are proud to profess it in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you**

*Presider* Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer sung by all**

#### **The Prayers**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **Collect of the Day**

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.

### **Intercessions**

*\*\* we will unmute all for intercessions. Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself.*

*Said in unison*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Presider*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!

Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise eternal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!

### **Parting Hymn**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever

Bind your heart to his heard, with a bond that nothing can sever

Give you light on the uphill road, and courage in every endeavor

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless you and keep you forever.