

Easter Sunday

4/20/2025

Liturgy for the Contemporary Service The Anglican Church in North America

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE BELL

OPENING SONGS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(Verse 1)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of man and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

(Verse 2)

Lives again, our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight the battle's won, Alleluia! Death in vain, forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

(Verse 4)

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies! Alleluia!

What a Beautiful Name

(Verse 1)

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

(Chorus 1)

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

(Verse 2)

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

(Chorus 2)

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

(Bridge)

Death could not hold You

The veil tore before You

You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring, The praise of Your glory

For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal

Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory

Yours is the Name above all names

(Chorus 3)

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Priest: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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 118:14-17, 22-24

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and has become my salvation.
- 15 The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; * the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; * the right hand of the LORD brings mighty things to pass.
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 22 The same stone which the builders refused * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; * 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 forever. Amen.

Colossians 3:1-4

So 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

The Gospel (congregation standing)

Speak, Oh Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ may be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, Oh Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for your glory

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Speak, Oh Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights
Of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, Oh Lord, 'til your Church is built
And the Earth is filled with Your glory

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (congregation standing)
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 (congregation standing or kneeling)
Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Father, we ask that you continue to bless our search process for a new rector. Raise up for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may be a home for spiritual orphans and seekers.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Donald, our president, Andy, our governor, and Linda, our mayor.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE (congregation standing)

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

THE DOXOLOGY (congregation standing)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours: Yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

All things come from you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

THE SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And 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 for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONG

A Thousand Hallelujahs

(Verse 1)

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

(Chorus)

With a thousand hallelujahs, we magnify Your name You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more

(Verse 2)

Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

(Bridge)
Praise to the Lord, to the lamb
To the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose, now He reigns
We will sing forever

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE RECESSIONAL (congregation standing)

CLOSING SONG

O Praise the Name

(Verse 1)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me I see His wounds, His hands, His feet My Savior on that cursed tree

(Verse 2)

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

(Chorus)

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

(Verse 3)

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

(Verse 4)

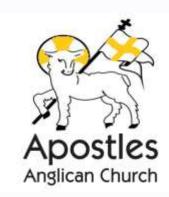
He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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