



April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter

Eastertide (also known as Eastertime or the Easter season) or Paschaltide (also known as Paschaltime or the Paschal season) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Wikipedia)

Eastertide is a season for us as disciples not only to celebrate the joy of our Lord's resurrection, but also for us to reflect on our baptism, to discern what gifts God has given us for the building up of His Kingdom, and to journey to the celebration of Pentecost. It is that time from Christ's Resurrection to His Ascension when He showed Himself to His disciples and others and would eventually give birth to the Church.

ORGAN PRELUDE VIERNE - CARILLON DE WESTMINSTER -
HOLY NAME CHURCH - MANCHESTER - JONATHAN SCOTT

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMoNZ_7B7iE&feature=youtu.be

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

Many: We have seen the Lord!

One: With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace and freed from fear, we declare:

Many: We have seen the Lord!

One: Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN Thine Is the Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPH7-dNrwb8>

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us, and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than stepping out with confidence. We yearn for more- more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith and forget that you have given us all we need: the gif of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and send us forth to proclaim: “ We have seen the Lord!”

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen. Ps. 103:17**

AN ACT OF PRAISE *Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone that
blocks my heart and mind from the revelation of Your Truth. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:
‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you,
and listen to what I say. ‘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.

PSALTER

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.’ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

MUSIC

Psalm 16 (Fullness of Joy)

Shane & Shane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8mLTdQQXg4>

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stephanie DeGeneste

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyDJzGngrsg>

NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 1:3-9

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.

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

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.

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Santulli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GH1LolIXg0>

SERMON HYMN I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Nicole.C. Mullen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLscNgnRSU>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church's website and click on 'Donate Now' to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Health Issues:

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Chrissie and her son Jake; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Neen Davis; Michael R.; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Troy Williams; Ben (Covid-19)

Homebound:

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder.

Bereavement:

Fyffe family on the passing of Andrew's mother, Kathy
All those grieving the passing of loved ones during this pandemic

World Issues:

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For those who are sick and suffering from this virus; medical personnel and others who work to help and heal; those who are working to support our communities wellbeing; those who are subjected to racist abuse and discrimination; those whose livelihood is threatened by business closures; families learning to live, work, and learn together in close quarters; those who are not safe in their homes; those who are struggling with isolation, loneliness, or addiction; those separated from loved ones because of travel and immigration restrictions and wisdom for leaders as they seek to respond to this crisis.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN The Day of Resurrection!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Czh8YTVfyCU>

BENEDICTION

Celebrate the Truth of the Resurrection. Let joy soak into your soul and be assured that God overcomes all. May the Lord bless you this Sunday and this Eastertide!

POSTLUDE

CONTEMPORARY POSTLUDE Because He Lives (Amen) | West Coast Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LwBqG7uXbY>

GOSPEL POSTLUDE Worthy Is The Lamb - Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Gae-n0Pb7Q>



An Original Poem by Elder Janice Haer

HOPE

Hope.
died on the hill

or so they thought
when Jesus breathed His last
and uttered the words
"it is finished."

Hope.
died in the tomb
or so they thought
that all was final
when His body was laid
in the hewn out Rock.

Hope.
died in their hearts
or so they thought
when grief totally consumed them
and crushed
their very soul.

Hope.
cannot die on a cross.
cannot die in a tomb.
cannot die in the heart.

Hope Lives!
because of a cross.
because of an empty tomb.
because Love is stronger than grief.

Hope Triumphs!
because He sacrificed.
because He rose from the dead.
because new Life dawned in a garden.

Alleluia!
He is risen!
Alleluia!
He is alive!
Alleluia!
He is risen!

He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!!

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