



# Easter

## April 12, 2020

*Let the bells ring out in joy for Christ has Risen!  
He HAS risen indeed and how blessed the world is because of it.  
We celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Christ Jesus for even  
though we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
Hallelujah! Praise the Lord with gladness!*

## **PRELUDE**

Trompete und Orgel - Händel, We praise thee O God aus dem Dettinger Te Deum

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rlTDylw-Bg>

WIDOR - TOCCATA - CAVAILLÉ-COLL ORGAN OF MANCHESTER TOWN  
HALL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EARLp9YXJg>

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord,  
has conquered the grave.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

**Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One: Let our hearts resound with joy

**All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**OPENING HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcvPbH7oUz8>

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. *1 Peter 2:24***

**Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord Jesus, triumphant over the grave and sin, You break forth from the tomb unaided by any to ascend victorious to Your throne. Holy is Your name and You alone are worthy. In You we find our victory over our own sin, over our own failings to be what You would want us to be—a people of pure love, generous hearts,**

**compassionate service and undying devotion to You. Forgive us when we fail and lead us to a deeper understanding and a truer faith that we, too, may celebrate with glad hearts Your reign as Savior of the world.**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Our Savior overcame sin because we could not. He extends the gift of salvation to all who open their hearts to His presence and claim Him as their Savior. Hear the Good News, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His great love, we are a forgiven people, let us rejoice.**

## **AN ACT OF PRAISE**

*Gloria*

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

**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 and reveal to us the Word of Life. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

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 merry-makers.  
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.'

## PSALTER

Psalm 118

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pBZX8DuxYI>

## OLD TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34-43

"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."

## NEW TESTAMENT

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.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Stephanie DeGeneste*  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

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

## **MUSIC**

**RISEN - New Easter song by Shawna Edwards**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCQsK1t9EKY>

## **GOSPEL READING**

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus

standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Lynn Santulli*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03cxzfd760Y>

## **SERMON HYMN**

### **Lift High the Cross**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbcBXYP4AIE>

## **\*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.**

## **ANTHEM**

Laudate Dominum – Bel Canto Choir Vilnius

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLdQvMDnL0o>

**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.) Your offerings go to the building up of God’s Kingdom right here, right now—food ministries that feed the hungry, facilities to accommodate groups that help those in need and need support, a campus for the arts to be presented, enriching the soul and the mind. Please give a gift of thanksgiving for what God has done in your life.

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## **\*DOXOLOGY**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqBnzM1JBWM>

**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, how can we forget the abundant blessings you have given us. You have gifted us with salvation, the hope of the world. You have given us blessings beyond measure—homes to live in, food to eat, families and friends to love. We offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust and in the confidence 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.**

## **HYMN**

**OKYERE ME KWAN (HE LEADETH ME)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtkMptkga9k>

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Draw near to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray to the Lord, our Savior.

**God of our salvation, answer us with grace.**

## **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; Kathy Fyffe (hospice); Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Troy Williams; Ben (Covid-19)

## **Homebound:**

Sonia Cook; George Germinder.

## **World Issues:**

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For those who are sick and suffering from this virus; those who are grieving the loss of loved ones; medical personnel and others who work to help and heal; those who are working to support our communities well being; 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.**

## **HYMN**

### **The Strife is Over**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SKnzfYj\\_SE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SKnzfYj_SE)

## **BENEDICTION**

*Don't walk away from this Easter unchanged. Let God's love shine out through*



*all you do and to everyone that you meet. Make a difference in this world for the good, turning away from fear to rise victorious and courageous because of who you follow. For you follow in The Way of our Lord and proclaim the Gospel in all you do.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you, May His face shine brightly upon you and may He look upon you with favor and grace.*

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Hallelujah Chorus by Handel-Lyrics**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jvsK798Lbs>



**As we celebrate the Resurrection, we especially remember our loved ones**

*Katherine & Bryant Aaron*

*Roxie & Michael West*

*Sutton West*

*Gloria West-McNeil*

*Alberta & Roosevelt Jones*

*Sarah & Leon Edwards*

*Abraham & Mary Alice Taylor*

*Thomas & Phyliss West*

*Alexander Fitzgerald*

*Cynthia Alexander  
Joseph Cicardo  
Pauline Alexander*

*Archer/Kennedy Family*

*Earl L. Archer  
Bettie Kennedy  
Mark W. Williams  
Chloris Archer Wilson Kennedy*

*Glen & Drude Crane*

*Our Loved Ones*

*the Downing Family*

*Sal Badalamenti  
Muriel & John Wilcox*

*Roz Ealum*

*Ross & Frances Ealum Dottie &  
Horace Thomas*

*Leslie Fagan*

*Hortense Blair  
Father & Mother  
Brothers & Sisters*

*Gloria Laube*

*Warren Laube & Virginia(sister)  
Mr & Mrs E Laube  
Mr & Mrs A Turner & Thelma*

*Gale MacWhinney Updike  
Susan MacWhinney-Ciufo  
William M. MacWhinney*

*Robert Bruce MacWhinney  
Jane Gilroy MacWhinney Mead  
Robert Bruce MacWhinney II  
Jean MacWhinney*

*Gary & Kathy Mann*

*Paul & Faith Christiansen  
Frederick A. Keller Jr.  
Joan E. Mann  
Larry Mann*

*Janna Sage Peterson*

*My mother, Joanne  
My father, Carl*

*Jim & Joan Pivnichny*

*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Pivnichny  
Mr. & Mrs. George D. Van Pelt*

*Wendy Reid*

*Beverly and Bruce Reid  
J. Harold Loizeaux  
David Engel  
Evie Madsen  
Betty Hackman  
Valerie and Rick Fisher*

*Pastor Lynn & George Santulli*

*John & Margaret Santulli  
Bruce Foster*

*Thylene Torres & Laura Villanueva*

*Nathaniel Torres  
Jesus Rolando Villanueva*

*Emily Upton*

*Imogen and Vincent Upton  
Richard W. Upton*

*Henry Ward*

*John & May Ward  
Bill & Helen Rowe Jack  
Ward*

*Jean Badalamenti*

*Sal Badalamenti*

*your loving children, grandchildren &  
great grandchildren*

*Leslie & Norma Fagan*

*BJ & Scott Snyder*

*Our children & grandchildren  
In memory of parents and brother*