

EASTER SUNDAY
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Easter Sunday Service

Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy
 Sue Lemaster, Music

Welcome – Fr. Eric LeBrocq, Jr., Rector

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy day, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we will so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Priest The light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets sound Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all around the earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Earth, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praise of your people.

All you who stand near the marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and with mind to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is when all who believed in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious before the grave.

How blessed it is when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God. Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Priest Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Priest Lord have mercy

People **Christ have mercy**

Priest Lord have mercy

The Lessons Kathleen Kelly, Lector

The First Reading Exodus 15 : 19-21

The Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Hymn Hail Thee Festival Day

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

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

After the Gospel, the Priest says The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon Rev. Eric LeBrocq

The Nicene Creed

Priest and People:

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops - Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Especially I ask your prayers for the well-being of all health-care workers who are fighting the Corona Virus.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Especially I ask your prayers for the well-being of all who are afflicted by the Corona Virus.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those that have died from the Corona Virus. Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Closing collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Priest 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 Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ

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

Hymn He Is Risen

This concludes the service.