

The Celebration of the + Resurrection of Our Lord +

The Easter Gospel

(Mark 16:1-8)

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome



bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe,

and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go; tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P He is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Break forth into singing, for the Lord has redeemed His people!

C Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord God of glory, by the raising of Your Son, Jesus, You have broken the chains of death and fear. Fill Your Church with faith and hope; for a new day

has dawned and the way to life with You in Heaven stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Job 19: 23-27

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel

John 20: 11-18

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the



tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 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.”

14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” **16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”**

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Message

P Let us confess our faith in the Resurrection.



The Easter Creed

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Who sent His Son as my Savior to rise on Easter morning.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on Good Friday, rose again on Easter morning to free me from the curse of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter, and by whose continuous work in my heart, I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my resurrected Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world. Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the

glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

P Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

P Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving. Lord, in Your mercy: **C Hear our prayer.**

P Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about His resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

P Your Son proclaimed Himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal Him to us and all people through the teaching of Your word and the celebration of Your holy meal. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

P Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling Him to touch His hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

P Your Son conquered death by His death and won the victory by His resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

Special Prayers

Ken Hessler (brother of Julene –fell from ladder recovering from 5 broken ribs)
Dorothy Kessler (sister in law of Julene – cancer treatment)
Trudi Dinsmore (friend of Holy Cross Church recovering from successful hip surgery)
Irene Day – Arbor Terrace Senior Living, Lanham)
Pam Brown (reoccurrence of colon cancer - Chase Larkin Center - Bowie)
Michael Lusky brother of Susan Lucero (bypass surgery)
Mark Travaglini (brother-in-law of Susan Lucero – health issues)

Lauren Flanigan (cancer treatment)
Alexis Duffy (Godchild of Greg and Cindy Clem suffering from stage 4 cancer)
Ruth Embrey
David Shepherd (husband of Wendy Shepherd)

Birthdays: Richard Fitzenreiter (4/4); Michael Cannon (4/4);
Jeanne Byrnes (4/8) Mindy Ittenbach 4/8).

P Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise You forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through Your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing of Easter

P May Almighty God bless you on this joyous Feast of Easter, and may He protect you against all sin.

C Amen.

P Through the resurrection of His Son, God granted us healing. May He fulfill His promises, and bless you with eternal life.

C Amen.

P You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of His resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast that lasts forever.

C Amen.

P May Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

P Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed!

Eileen Farnham Memorial Service, Thursday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.

Children's Easter Celebration – was a great success! Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who made the Easter Egg Hunt event a success! A special thanks to Cindy Clem for the art work!

Food Pantry needs for April

Cold cereal, spaghetti noodles; meat pasta sauce 24 oz ,Mandarin Oranges 15 oz cans;
Cranberry Grape juice

Ongoing needs: saltine crackers, canned fruit and vegetables!

Easter Flowers

Susan Cannon	In memory of those who lost their lives to Covid-19 and In memory of Louise, Charles & Bob Bastian
Nikki Clem	In memory of Mary Miller
Greg & Cindy Clem	In memory of Lee & Hank Gramlich (Cindy's mom & dad, In memory of Cindy's aunt Dee Dee & grandmother Peal and cousin Linda.
Allen Clem	In memory of wife Judy and my parents
Bernadette LaLann	To the glory of God.
John Waldron	To the glory of God
Annie Marie Bradley	To the glory of God
Susan Lucero	In memory of loves ones
Emmanuel Findlay	In honor of Mr. & Mrs. J.W.D. Findlay and in memory of my deceased relatives
Mercy Sowho	In honor of my parents and to the glory of God
Bill & Julene Pichel	In honor of our loved ones in heaven and to the glory of God
Dick & Pat Fitzenreiter	To the glory of God
Kristi Keller	In memory of Dorothy and T.T. Keller
Rosalie Jones	In memory of Ted & Carrie Schaefer
Susan Lucero	In memory of Henry A. Stuvén
Amy & John Minor	In memory of Teresa Schaefer Wilcox; Robert H. Schaefer, Henry R. & Louise Heitmuller Schaefer
Ann & Jeff Burt	In honor of our mothers – Dale Ballone and Geri Burt
Dorothea Leslie & Jill LaCross	In memory of John Leslie Leon & Jean LaCross

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