



EASTER DAY SUNRISE “TOWER” SERVICE

SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024

6:30 A.M.

(Facing East)

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Hymn “This is the Day” (*Words repeated three times*)

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day. That the Lord has made.

Officiant

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

Exultet (*Sung by the Cantor*)

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King. Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King. Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

(Facing East)

The First Reading 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.

Hymn

“That Easter Day with joy was bright”

Puer nobis

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
 2 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
 3 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out— with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
 thou thy - self— our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ri - sen Lord.
 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

The Second Reading Mark 16:1–8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Facing West)

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Officiant

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in all of us, your servants, the covenant you made with us at our baptism. Send us forth in the power of that spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Facing North)

Hymn

"Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord"

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give ___ thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give ___ praise to his ___ Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the ___ earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the ___ earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with ___ Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing ___ God

Repeat refrain

He is the King of cre - a - - - - tion. Al - le
Je - sus has died and has ri - - - - sen.
Now we shall live ___ for ev - - - - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - - - - vior.

The Lord's Prayer *(said by all)*

Officiant

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Facing East)

Hymn

"Jesus Christ is risen today"

Easter Hymn



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love,___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
praise him all ye heaven - ly host, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer___ to re - deem our loss. ___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners___ to re - deem and save. ___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
where___ the___ an - gels ev - er sing. ___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther,___ Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. ___ Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Officiant
People

Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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