

## EASTER DAY

### *Opening Songs*

#### **Now the Green Blade Rises**

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain  
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

In the grave they laid Him,  
Love Whom we had slain  
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green

#### CHORUS 1:

Alleluia, Alleu  
When we die we will rise with you Alleluia, Alleu  
When we die we will rise with you

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain  
He that for the three days in the grave had lain  
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green -CHORUS

When our hearts are weary, grieving or in pain  
By Your touch You call us back to life again  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green -CHORUS

#### CHORUS 2:

Alleluia, Alleu  
When we die we will rise with you

#### **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! Oh  
praise Him!

Alle - luia! Alleluia! Allelu - ia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son

and praise the Spirit Three-in-One O praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alle - luia! Alleluia!  
Allelu - ia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood,  
Come and rejoice in His great love O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! Oh praise Him!  
Alle - luia! Alleluia!  
Allelu - ia!

He shall return in power to reign Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alle - luia! Alleluia!  
Allelu - ia!

## THE ACCLAMATION

*From Easter Day until the Eve of Pentecost*

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your  
mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love

your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40<sup>T</sup>

## THE KYRIE

*The Celebrant and People pray*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

### Collect for Easter Day

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, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Acts 10:34-43

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,  
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36  
As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ  
(he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning  
from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of  
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all  
who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that

he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **Psalm 118:19-29**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and has become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and deliverance is in the dwellings of the righteous; \*  
the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted; \*  
the right hand of the Lord brings mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

22 The same stone which the builders refused \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### **Colossians 3:1-4**

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*Silence may follow.*

### **THE GOSPEL**

### **John 20:1-18**

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 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.” 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

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.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic,<sup>b</sup> “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

## THE SERMON

### *Song*

#### **Resurrecting**

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now  
The Savior knelt to wash our feet Now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame Now robed in ma - jes - ty  
The radi - ance of perfect love  
Now shines for all to see

#### CHORUS:

Your name Your name Is victory  
All praise Will rise To Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way To him who is our peace  
His final breath up - on the cross  
Is now a - live in me -CHORUS

BRIDGE:

(... me) By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat  
the resurrected king  
is resurrecting me

In your name I come a - live to declare your victo - ry  
the resurrected king  
is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain Was borrowed for three days  
His body there would not re - main  
Our God emp - tied the grave

Our God emp - tied the grave -CHORUS

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Petitions from the people via Facebook live stream.

*Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

#### **Prayer for this Parish**

Dearest Lord,

This is your land, this is your parish, these are your people.

Bless all who live here, all who work here, all who rest here.

Bless all who are struggling, and all who are thriving.

Bless those who lead the flock of Christ.

May wisdom, joy and compassion be theirs,

May the churches be places of unity, wonder, healing, and adventure,

May this land host the grace of God now and always.

**Amen.**

#### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.  
**Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with this Collect.*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Silence*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker and judge of us all:  
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,  
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed  
against your divine majesty,  
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.  
We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;  
the burden of them is more than we can bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*



Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.  
1 JOHN 2:1-2

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all.

*Song*

**Death Was Arrested**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to be - gin

Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

Ash was redeemed only beauty re - mains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

#### CHORUS:

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

Re - leased from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend

When death was arrested and my life be - gan -CH

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
Then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

#### CHORUS 2:

Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

You have made us new now life begins with You

#### BRIDGE:

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

ENDING:

Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life be - gan

All things come from you, O Lord,  
*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### *Song*

##### **Love's Redeeming Work is Done**

Love's redeeming work is done  
Fought the fight, the battle won  
Death in vain forbids Him rise  
Christ has opened paradise

##### CHORUS:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Al - lelu - ia!  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Al - lelu - ia!

Lives again our glorious King  
Where, O death, is now thy sting  
Once He died our souls to save  
Where thy victory, O grave -CHORUS

Soar we now where Christ has led

Follow - ing our exalted Head  
Made like Him, like Him we rise  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies -CHORUS

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.

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

#### *Easter Lilies are Given to the Glory of God.*

*In Memory of:*

*Rosamond R. Bee  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ravenel, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. S. Stiles Bee  
Robert R Bentz*

*By:*

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*Rosamond Bee Bentz*

*Robert R. Bee*

*William S. Bee*

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*11 great grand children*

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*Mattie & Molly Jane LaRoche*

*Charlie & Henry Gunther*

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