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— HOUSTON, TEXAS —

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THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION  
EASTER DAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
10:00 AM  
APRIL 4, 2021

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## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 175 “Hail thee, festival day!” (verses 1, 2)

*Salve festa dies*

*Refrain:* Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever,  
day whereon Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising!  
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns:

*Refrain*

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature;  
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God:

*Refrain*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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.**

Hymn 421 “All glory be to God”

*Allein Gott in der Höh*

All glory be to God on high,  
and peace on earth from heaven,  
and God’s good will unfailingly  
be to all people given.

We bless, we worship you, we raise  
for your great glory thanks and praise,  
O God, Almighty Father.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
whom God the Father gave us,  
who for the world was sacrificed  
upon the cross to save us;  
and, as you sit at God’s right hand  
and we for judgment there must stand,  
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,  
who came for our salvation,  
and only you are God’s true Son,  
who was before creation.

You only, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
with the Spirit, you alone  
share in the Father’s glory.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Plainchant

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
“This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter.”  
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev'd Neil Alan Willard, *Rector*

### The Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* We believe in one God,  
*People* 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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work, especially those across the street in the Texas Medical Center;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community of Houston, the nation, and the world; for Joe, President of the United States; Greg, Governor of Texas; and Sylvester, Mayor of Houston;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant then prays*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: *Alleluia! O praise the Lord most holy*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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The Doxology *Hymnal 380, verse 3*

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus (Hymnal S-130)

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor our Bishops, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember the Texas Medical Center, its physicians, nurses, technicians and staff, its patients and those kept apart from them. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant* Our Father,

*People* 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 Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Agnus Dei S-164*

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a fermata over the final note. The second system also ends with a fermata. The third system ends with a fermata. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The term "Spiritual Communion" has been used historically to describe how a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."*

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you today.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine made holy food,  
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you.

Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn 178 "Jesus is Lord of all the earth"

*Alleluia No.1*

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

*Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour!

*Refrain*

Communion Anthem: *My Master was so very poor*

Gordon Young

My Master was so very poor,  
A manger was His cradling place;  
So very rich my Master was,  
Kings came from far to gain His grace.

My Master was so very poor,  
They nailed Him naked to a cross;  
So very rich my Master was  
He gave His all and knew no loss.

My Master was so very poor,  
And with the poor He broke the bread;  
So very rich my Master was  
That multitudes by Him were fed.

*After communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Almighty and everliving God,

*People* we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

**Closing Hymn 207 “Jesus Christ is risen today”**

*Easter Hymn*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

# TOGETHER, WE PRAY

## Please pray for these people:

Chris Alexander	David Lapp	Larry Root
Georgia Barton	Marcos de Souza Lima	Bill & Sheila Ryan
Suzanne Brooks	Bob London	The Rev'd Marcia Sadbury
Carlos	Jo Lyday	Sandy, Julian, Nick, Snyder
Ragna Case	Berta Maestef	Susan Shivers
Carmen Brassfield Conaway	Carol Matthews	Roxane & Michael Short
Elizabeth Chapin	Charlotte McClain	Phyllis & Ed Svrcek
Tina & Ricky Cruz	Michael McKinley	Catherine Thompson & Family
Darlene Dittoe	Hashim Musa	Mary Tobin
Penny Driggers	Yamy Lec Perez	Donna Waldron
Julian Gascoyne	Harry Powe	Mimi & Kim Lopez-Waymer
Christopher M. Hansen	Marsha Powe	Brooke Wilson
Keith Herrin	The Rev. John Price	Sorell Williamson
James Hesterly	Jennifer Rabb	<i>For the departed:</i>
Juanita Hill	Rachel	Jean Carol Andrews Mercurio
Gabriel Hill	Maria de Nazare & Michele Rios	Carol Oden
Courtney, Peter, & Graham Holcomb	Clare Ritzi	
Maggi Jones	Wendy Robertson	

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## Please pray for expectant households:

The Everhart family  
The Fender family  
The Simmons family (*international adoption*)

Those expecting a child by birth or adoption are encouraged to contact Roger Hutchison at [rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org](mailto:rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org).

## Please pray for those in the armed forces:

Evan Adams	Jarrett Johnson	Jim Rosenbach
Nathan Adam	Christopher Kent	Adam Salvati
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Gaston Baza	Mike Martinez	Ashley Waddle
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