

Easter Sunday

Zoom Worship - March 31, 2024

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Jesus Christ is risen today"

Hymn #207, verses 1, 2, & 4

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

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

**4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *Colossians 3:1*

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively

Give thanks to God who is good; God's mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures for ever."

God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous.

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed;

the right hand of the Most High is exalted;

the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.

God has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.

"This is the gate of the Holy One;

those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks for you, for you answered me

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Holy One has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Romans 6:6-11

The Message Bible paraphrase

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life. No longer captive to sin's demands! What we believe is this: If we are included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we are also included in his life-saving resurrection. We know that when Jesus was raised from the dead it was a signal of the end of Death-as-the-end. Never again will Death have the last word. When Jesus died, he took sin down with him, but alive he brings God down to us. From now on, think of it this way: Sin speaks a dead language that means nothing to you. God speaks your mother tongue, and you hang on every word. You are dead to sin and alive to God. That's what Jesus did. The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Easter Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Miranda K. Hassett

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

People **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

People **I do.**

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.**

Celebrant
May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Baptismal Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for Kai and Safa, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Officiant Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Open their heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Send them into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant (to the Congregation)

Will you do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will!**

The Prayers

Officiant We now continue in prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in

your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Officiant Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

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 Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:

A Collect for Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Celebrant Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Blessing

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 eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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