

CCQF SUNDAY WORSHIP MORNING PRAYER (ABRIDGED) APRIL 19 EASTER II

WELCOME----You know, these Sunday services are the best we can do under the current circumstances. Don Peck's video taping and editing is great. But everything else, the music, the sermon, the liturgy—that is all experimental. The quality is far from perfect, especially the recordings of our music. Indeed, these services are a humble offerings, not performances. But, if you can get over the imperfections, and decide to focus in the spirit in which these services are offered, then the Holy Spirit will rise you above the imperfections, **and you** will touch the heart of God, and God will touch yours.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!! **PEOPLE: The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!!!!**

Officiant: Thanks be to God **PEOPLE: Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!!**

Officiant Lord, open our lips

PEOPLE: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

EXHORTATION TO PRAISE

SONG OF PRAISE *(Please stand)*

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace; When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness; Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day; Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory; Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man; Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum (said in unison, standing)*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

**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. Alleluia.**

**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.

Christ has been raised from the dead,*
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,*
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die,*
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Peter 1:3-9 *(You may be seated)* **Reader: Don Peck**

³⁻⁵What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

⁶⁻⁷I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it *proved* pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out *proved* genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God will have on display as evidence of his victory.

⁸⁻⁹You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him—with laughter and singing. Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING from the Gospel of John **Reader: Cathy Lee**

[Prior to today's reading. Jesus appears to the disciples in the evening of the first Easter Sunday: Day of Resurrection. However, Thomas, one of the disciples, was not there] **The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."**

But Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

²⁶**Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."**

²⁷**Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."**

²⁸**Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"**

²⁹**Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."**

³⁰⁻³¹**Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON *The Rev. John Donnelly, Rector/ Pastor*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*You may be seated*)

The Collect of the Day (*Prayed by all*)

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays (*Prayed by Officiant*)

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER DURING THESE CHALLENGING TIMES (*Prayed by Officiant*)

Creator God of the universe, divine source of health and wholeness, whose compassion embraces the entire community of earth: behold your fearful people all over the world as we confront the coronavirus. Out of the depths we cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear our voices. Let your ear be attentive to our cries as we pray for all who may be affected by the virus. Loving God, hasten the day when the virus will have run its course; quicken scientists to develop medications and vaccines; call out the best instincts of your people—love, neighborliness, compassion, and a sense of caring for every member of your beloved community on Earth. We pray out of the depths to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Individual Prayers & Thanksgivings, both aloud and silently.

A Prayer for Mission (*Prayed by all*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY/THE DOXOLOGY

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Let go forth proclaiming that Christ is Risen. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA!! ALLELUIA!!!

CONCLUDING HYMN on page #4

CONCLUDING HYMN— performed by Ralene and Fred Goff

*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!*

*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!*

*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!*

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