

*Welcome to the Anglican Parish
of St. Philip by-the-Sea*



“Journeying together in God’s love”

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Easter Sunday

Welcome and announcements

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia!

Video message from the Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee

Psalm

118:1-2, 14-24

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 marvellous in our eyes.

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

First reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: ‘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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

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

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Gospel:

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 him. 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Reverend Heather Robinson

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Throughout the church, across the world, please loving God, may the message of the living Christ penetrate beneath the level of familiarity, and begin to awaken that which is lost and dying within the human spirit.

Come living Christ,

Come among us and make all things new.

For lost souls we pray, those who have told lies to themselves so often that they now believe their own self-justifications.

Come living Christ,

Come among us with your light and make us see.

For thirsty minds we pray, those who are awakening to questions previously ignored, or who are dissatisfied with easy answers.

Come living Christ,

Come among us with waters that bubble up with eternal life.

For wounded souls and bodies and minds we pray; those in hospitals and clinics, those who watch by their beds, and those who are grieving.

Come living Christ,

Come among us with rest for the weary and peace for the distraught.

For our own loved ones we pray, those with faith and those without, those with confidence and those without, those close at hand and those who are far away in body or spirit.

Come living Christ,

Come among with that grace which shows its perfection in human weakness.

Amen.

Collect

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray:

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.

Conclusion

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: The Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth -
In Bethlehem I had my birth

Dance, then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he
I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then wherever you may be...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then wherever you may be...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black -
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone -
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance, then wherever you may be...
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he
I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high:
I am the Life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then wherever you may be...

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In the Worldwide Anglican Communion: Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Anna, our bishop. S. Peter, Comox - Sulin Milne & S. Saviour, Denman Island - James Lyster. Diocese of Kootenay - Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

This week in our Parish Family of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for our interim priest, Heather Robinson. We pray for John Garenkooper, Susan Gates, Heather Mortimer & Mick Gibbs and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

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