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Easter Day – April 4, 2021

A Liturgy of The Word and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

A Preface to this Service:

Ruth Meyers, Professor of Liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, shares, “In the celebration of the Eucharist, we experience the real presence of Christ, not only in the bread and wine that are blessed and shared but also in the Word proclaimed and broken open in homily, in the community gathered as the body of Christ, in song and prayer. This real presence is always in tension with real absence. We glimpse Christ’s presence, getting a taste of the heavenly banquet, yet on this side of the grave we never experience the fullness of that presence. Real absence draws us forward to the time when we shall see God face to face. Real absence makes room for the mystery of God whose presence we can neither compel nor control.”

Presider: We welcome you to the Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan as part of our church family. St. Peter’s is located on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people and the Cowichan Tribes. We give thanks for our neighbours as we live, work and worship on these traditional lands. We continue to walk together towards reconciliation and right relationships. Today, we celebrate the Risen Christ with this our offering of worship for Easter Sunday.

Introit: Alleluia! The Strife is O’er

Easter Acclamation:

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;
All: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All: One God and Father of all.

The Paschal Candle is lit

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The Collect of the Day:

This is a prayer that is specifically appointed for today and helps us gather ourselves to listen to readings from the Bible that follow.

Presider: God be with you
All: And also with you.
Presider: Let us pray,
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.**

For Christians the Bible is a collection of books written by people and inspired by God. It is the story of God creating, redeeming and sustaining our ancestors in the faith and us through the good times and the hard ones in our lives. Though written thousands of years ago, it continues to provide comfort and hope, offer challenge and sometimes evoke strong emotion. In all its variety and complexity, it reflects God's movement in the lives of people God has called to be God's own. It is God's love story with God's people.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Let us say together the appointed verses of Psalm 118 alternately by the half verse.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * **his mercy endures for ever.**

2 Let Israel now proclaim, * **"His mercy endures for ever."**

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

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * **in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! * **the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

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

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, * **but he did not hand me over to death.**

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * **I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; * **he who is righteous may enter."**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * **and have become my salvation.**

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

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

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

Together let us pray,

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of your risen Lord. Amen.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – Kirsten Evenden - Seminarian

Music for reflection

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Dear Friends, Through the Paschal mystery, we are buried with Christ in Baptism so that we may rise with him to a new life. I call upon you, therefore, 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 God's holy Catholic Church.

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

All: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Let us pray. 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 forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Through the Red Sea Brought at Last

Prayers of the People

Deacon: O God, with faces touched by the light of this Easter morning, we come before you to pray for the needs of our world. *Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
We lift up all those who are worshiping around the world embracing the joy and love of that comes with the Resurrected Christ. We join with the prayers of our diocese to lift our leadership team especially Bishop Anna and her family. Here, in our own community of St. Peter, we pray for MJ, Jim, Chris and Norah and all those whose gifts sustain us all
Lord in your goodness,

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
we lift those places in our world where war, violence, poverty are present, we pray for peace in all places. We pray for all those in authority: remembering especially; Justin our Prime Minister and John our Premier, Bonnie Henry, William, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Al and Michelle our Mayors. Guide all to live with tolerance, and respect may all be agents of peace in the world. *Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
We bring to you our thanks for creation and this, our Island home. For the oceans and woodlands, for lakes and mountains and all the beautiful places that remind us that You are always here in our midst, always with us. *Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
We bring all those who are far from us this Easter day. We pray for family and friends near and far who are isolated and alone on this holy morning and ask that they too feel the joy of love which overcomes all darkness. Be with them and comfort them just as the angels were there on that morning in the garden. *Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
we bring ourselves and those we love, those who are ill, in need or any kind of trouble. We pray especially for Bob, Andrea, Peggy, Louise, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon and Connie. For those who are suffering from Covid-19

and the aftereffects, For all front-line workers, everywhere. We pray for others we now name either aloud or in our hearts. *Silence... Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
We lift those who have died. *Silence... And those who mourn Silence...
Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: Into the light of Easter morning,
We bring our joyous thanksgivings for all the many blessings that you provide. We ask that you help us recognize these blessings that come from the risen Christ, and help us to remember that even though we are apart, we are together, through you as one body in Christ – bound by the love and light of Jesus. Keep us as one people during these times and help us to be thankful in all things. *Silence... Lord in your goodness,*

All: Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray,

All: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Walk Softly in Springtime

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: 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.

Presider: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: God's love shall last for ever.

Presider: Let us pray. Generous and faithful God,

All: May the nourishment we have received during our time together, enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether we our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

Easter Blessing:

Presider: Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Yours Be the Glory, Risen King

Dismissal:

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia