

EASTER SUNDAY
MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
April 12, 2020 – 7:00 a.m.

Prelude

Greeting & Welcome — *(You are invited to have bread and cup with you as you worship)*

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Can you believe it? Is it true? The women went to the tomb, and they came back saying that Jesus was raised from the dead! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Can you believe it? What does it mean? He is stronger than any power, even the power of death! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Can you believe it? What should we do? If we believe it, this news would change our lives, and it could even change the world! I need to say it over and over again, just to let it sink in. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET US PRAISE THE LORD!

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Litany of Hope

**Hold your head high, Christ has risen
Rejoice and shout
Christ has come calling us home
Home to the heart of God
Home to God's living presence
Home to God's banquet feast**

**Hold your head high, Christ has risen
Death has been conquered
Christ has come calling us home
He has renewed and restored us
All that was broken has been made whole
All that was dislocated has been set right**

**Hold your head high, Christ has risen
Carry forward God's healing
Christ has come calling us home
To a world where truth and justice triumph
To a place where abundance flourishes
To a community where generosity flourishes**

**Hold your head high, Christ has risen
Christ has come calling us home
Your redemption is complete
God's eternal world has begun
Love reigns over all
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Christ has risen indeed.**

Assurance of Pardon

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Dr. Roger Scanlan, Tenor**

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

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.

Homily

The Easter Conjunction

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised, Breaking the kingdom of death.

Christ, who was nailed to the cross, Is Lord and the Ruler of nature;
All things created on earth Sing to the glory of God: *(to refrain)*

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, The author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death, New life You give to us all: *(to refrain)*

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

After each petition, the Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

Our father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE: This table belongs to Jesus Christ, our crucified and resurrected Lord, who alone is head of the Church. Our Lord invites all who trust in him for their salvation to come to his table and be fed.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OVER THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As you offer the bread, you are invited to say to the recipient, "The Bread of Life."

As you receive the bread, you are to respond by saying, "Thanks be to God."

Upon dipping the bread, or consuming the cup, you are invited to say to the recipient, "The Cup of Salvation."

As you receive the cup, you are invited to respond by saying, "Amen."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

Benediction