



Mobile, Alabama  
The Sunday of the Resurrection:  
Easter Day  
April 12, 2020

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
Ten o'clock in the morning

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*We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in the Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, unless otherwise noted. Service music not otherwise credited is composed by Christopher W. Powell.*

Prelude

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello  
(1686-1739)

## The Word of God

Easter Proclamation

BCP 355

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Processional Hymn

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

*Easter Hymn*  
Hymnal 207

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 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 his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify you holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Song of Praise*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee v. 1*  
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

*Hymn to Joy*  
Hymnal 376

## The Collect of the Day

BCP 222

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### First Reading

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*    *Confitemini Domino*    *Please sing refrain when indicated.*

BCP 760



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

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- <sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**Refrain**

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.*

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

## Second Reading

### *Colossians 3:1-4*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*He is risen, he is risen!*

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
he has burst his three days’ prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice: death is conquered,  
we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death’s long shadows have departed;  
Jesus’ woes are over now, and the passion that he bore—  
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord’s triumphant day;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o’er the purple east,  
symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, he is risen! He hath opened heave’s gate:  
we are free from sin’s dark prison,  
risen to a holier state; and a brighter  
Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.

*Unser Herrscher*  
Hymnal 180

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you. So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**  
**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**  
**He has spoken through the Prophets.**  
**We believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The leader and people pray responsively.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Today, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all faith communities in the City of Mobile.

We pray also for Michael, our presiding bishop; Russell our Bishop; Beverly, our priest; Lydia and Mike, our Interns; and for all ministers in the church.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in our truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; Sandy, our Mayor; and for all those who lead and hold authority in the nations of our world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

In the parish Cycle of Prayer, we remember those on the Cathedral Prayer list. Today, we pray especially for Patti Biel, Happy Henson, Virginia Wilkins, Alec Armbricht, Megan Drane, Marolyn Kruse, Lara Sherer, Chuck McKay, Beth Schramm, Jane White-Spunner, Lucky White-Spunner, Jessie Koger, Mike Gibson, Leroy Roberson, Bradley Forster, Bill Stafford, Ed Stephens, Donna Moree, Gaye Formanek, Mimi Hudson, Sue Epley, Bill Christian, Frances Fuller, Susannah Israel, Karen Parker, Paul Wood and all others on the Cathedral Prayer List.

In the Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all prisoners, and those who work in correctional institutions.

We also remember in our prayers those who are serving in the armed forces of our country, and most especially for those on the Cathedral Military Prayer List.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Homer Leon McClelland Sr., Louise Vass McClelland, and Homer Leon McClelland, Jr., First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps; Robison Clarendon McClure, Sr.; John Stephenson McClelland, Sr.; and Dr. Norborne R. Clarke and Margaret Reinhart Clarke.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Offertory

Solo

### *Easter Hymn*

Mollie A. Adams, soprano

Pietro Mascagni  
(1863-1945)

O rejoice that the Lord has arisen  
He has conquered the power of the grave.  
He has broken the gates of the prison,  
He has risen in glory to save.  
O rejoice that the Lord has arisen  
He has arisen in glory to save.  
O rejoice in the Lord,  
O sing praises to Him.

Frederic E. Weatherly  
(1848-1929)

## The Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

St. Alphonsus de Liguori  
(1696-1787)

Blessing  
Closing Hymn

*Fortunatus*  
Hymnal 179

*“Welcome, happy morning!” vs. 1, 4, 5, and 6*

Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say;  
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!  
Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!  
Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.

*Refrain: Welcome, happy morning!*  
*age to age shall say;*

Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,  
Thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,  
Of the Father's Godhead, true and only Son.  
Manhood to deliver manhood didst put on. *Refrain*

Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,  
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show.  
Come, then, True and Faithful, now fulfil Thy word;  
'Tis Thine own third morning--rise, O buried Lord! *Refrain*

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
All that now is fallen raise to life again.

Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
Bring again our daylight; day returns with Thee. *Refrain*

Dismissal  
Postlude

*Fantasy in C*

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)



## MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant.....The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson  
Lay Reader.....Carolyn S. Jeffers  
Organist .....Christopher W. Powell  
Soloist.....Mollie A. Adams



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