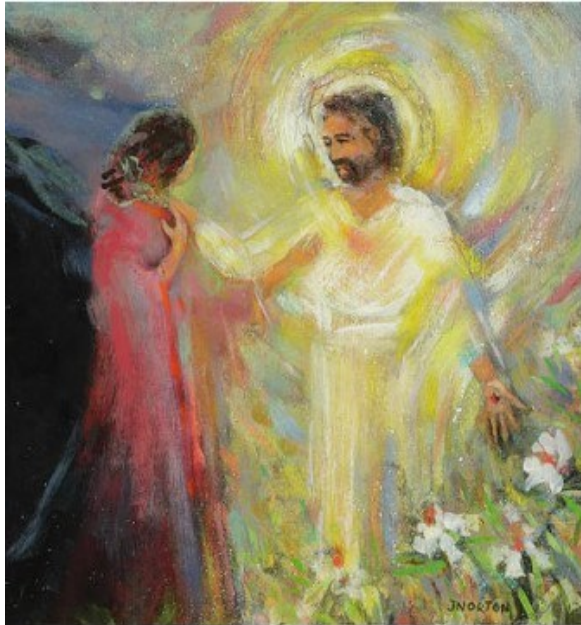


Easter Sunday

4 April 2020

9:30am



**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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**DAILY MORNING PRAYER:  
RITE TWO**

**PRELUDE**

**WARREN BLYDEN**

**OPENING HYMN #175**

**HAIL THEE FESTIVAL DAY**

*please hum behind your mask, clap & stomp as you are inspired*

**OPENING SENTENCE**

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

*All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Antiphon

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People ***Come let us adore God. Alleluia.***

**PSALM 118** *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; \*  
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \* ”  
The mercy of the Lord endures for ever.”

12 They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns; \*  
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.

13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, \*  
but the Lord came to my help.

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

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

16 ”The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted! the mighty 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 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; \* those who are righteous may enter.”

21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me \*

and has 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 marvellous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

***A READING FROM ISAIAH 25:6-9***

*Read by: Sarah Hoadley*

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  
***People***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
***Thanks be to God.***

## ***CANTICLE 11***

### ***The Third Song of Isaiah*** *Surge, illuminare*

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*

deep gloom enshrouds the peoples

But over you the Lord will rise, \*

and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*

and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*

by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*

ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*

and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*

by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*

and your God will be your glory.

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.

## **A READING FROM PAUL'S 1ST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

Read by: Jim Dirlam

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters<sup>[a]</sup> at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared

also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN #178            Alleluia No. 1***

*please hum behind your mask, clap & stomp as you are inspired*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 20:1-18**

READ BY: THE REV DEACON LYNN WERDAL

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            Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## **HOMILY**

**The Rev Mary B. Gregorius**

## **THE PEACE**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*The People stand*

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant & People*

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.

## SUFFRAGES A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we work to build harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Laura** O'Malley (John & Clare McAndrew's niece), **Yumi**, **Linda** Hill, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Hudson** Beaugard; **Ellie** Ruvo, **Steven** Schubert, **Martha** Thornley and **Shlomo** Teladano

We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **John & Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Ronald** Acheson, **Jim**, **Marge**, **Joe** Smith, **Carolyn** Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato.

We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew** Tom, **Rebecca**, **Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Martha**, **Gerald**, **Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce**, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene**, **Jason**, **Peter**, **Hannelore**, and **Jeff**.

We pray in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of **Ivy Claire Gregorius** to her parents and big brother.

We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the American **Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**.

We pray for those who have died, especially the over 500,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**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 for ever. *Amen.***

## **A COLLECT FOR GRACE**

**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

Deacon            Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord  
People            *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore . **Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Morning Prayer concludes*