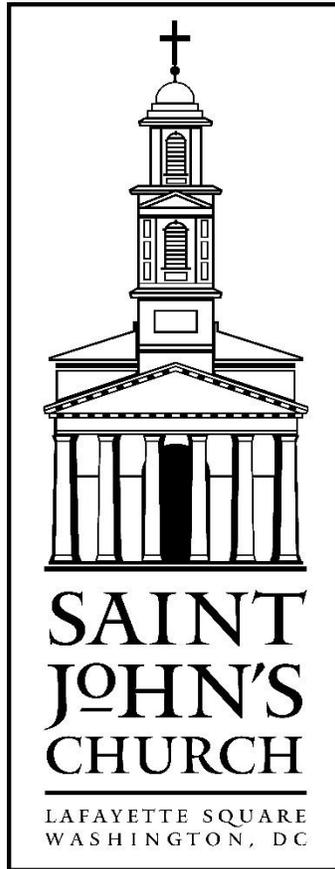


EASTER DAY



April 12, 2020

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Please stand.

Rob: Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE EXSULTET

Cantor

Justin Dean

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

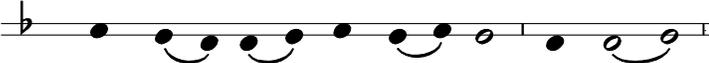
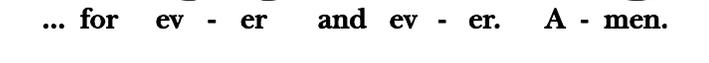
Cantor: 
The Lord be with you.

People: 
And al - so with you.

Cantor: 
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Cantor: Holy God, accept our morning sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns

Cantor: 
People: 
... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John 20:1-18

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 192

This Joyful Eastertide

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

Words: George R. Woodward (1848-1934), alt.
 Music: Vruuchten, melody from Psalmen, 1685; harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)
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THE SERMON
Please be seated.

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Please stand.

Led by Clark Ervin.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for giving us power through your Holy Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example. For our companion relationships with the *Anglican Church of Southern Africa** and the *Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*. We pray especially for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, for *Mariann and Chilton*, Bishops of Washington, and for all bishops and other ministers.

People: **We are your Church, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth which you have given us to cherish and protect; nourish in us your love for all you have made.

People: **We are your stewards, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

** In particular, the Kwasa Centre in the Diocese of the Highveld.*

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and play, and shape the patterns of our political and economic life; we pray for *Donald*, our President, the leaders of *Congress*, and the *Supreme Court*, and all who are in authority; for the people of the *Middle East, Latin America, and all affected by the Coronavirus*; that all people may be fulfilled through the bounty of your creation.

People: **We are your servants, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people: those we love easily and those with whom we struggle, those different from us and those similar to us, those familiar to us and those unfamiliar to us.

People: **We are made in your image, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for calling us to the glorious heritage of your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, and from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and restore us.

People: **You are the life within us, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, especially those who are celebrating a birthday this week, *Alyssa Ackerly, Judy Campbell Bird, Andrea Charters, Aileen Dunne, Will Duthe, Martha Ellison, Sloan Evans, Elizabeth Field, Christopher Gardner, Chris Gorud, Bill Josey, Kristie Hansen, Hunter Hardinge, Carolyn Harris, Susan Herrington, Hugh Kieve, Shawn Maher, Bruce Perkins, Will Simonds, Svetlana Tibbits, Cecilia Wakely, and Sarah Wood*; and for those celebrating an anniversary this week, especially *Lilibet and Chuck Hagel* and *Mary and Carl Raether*. Comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially those who are sick and who are shut-ins. Bless those who will be born today and bless those who have died, that by joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

People: **In you alone we have eternal life, O God. Guide us in your grace.**

Priest: O God our strength and salvation, hear all our prayers this day, and grant that we may live in the joy of the Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Most Glorious Lord of Life*

William H. Harris
(1883–1973)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Priest and People:

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)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and 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.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet
(1878–1967)