

S. Stephen's Church
In Providence

EASTER DAY

The Sunday of the Resurrection



Missa Resurrectionis

Gerre Hancock
(1934 – 2012)

4 April 2021
10 am

An Easter Greeting from the Rector

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord! Grace and peace be with you.

This Easter will undoubtedly have added poignancy as this may be the first time for some, if not many, that they have been in church since the pandemic started in March 2020. Though we are not out of it yet, this particular Holy Week and Easter are coinciding with a bright beam of promise on our collective horizon that life as we knew it pre-pandemic is within our grasp.

However, even as we rejoice with those being vaccinated, and give thanks for being able to gather together in worship safely, we must also remember and pray for those who did not live to see another Easter in their mortal life. Only a year ago, many of us were huddled inside our homes and frightened by all the uncertainty around COVID-19 and aghast at the scenes unfolding at hospitals and mortuaries. Frankly, it was in a way like the first Easter: a terrible trauma had been suffered by the disciples, and they hid indoors, terrified for their very lives, uncertain as to what the future held. Yet even as they beheld with joy their Risen Savior, the pain and trauma of Good Friday remained: Death and Resurrection are two sides of the same coin, are they not? One cannot exist without the other. And so even as we cry out “Alleluia!” it is a word that perhaps carries more weight this year – it gives voice to a joy that knows grief and loss but trusts that hope and love will always prevail.

It is that same truth that lies at the very center of all that we celebrate around Holy Week and Easter: love wins. Love will always prevail. We celebrate the fact that God’s love for us has triumphed – a love so strong that in dying it defeated death. We sing of the Love that has caused the universe to be whole and restored. We extol the Love that has redeemed us, and we praise the Love that has given us eternal life.

If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen’s is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen’s has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in the Love of our Risen, Ascended, and Glorified Lord,

Fr. Benjamin+

Cover Art: *Resurrezione di Cristo* (c. 1490-1498) by Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494).
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THE OPENING RITE & SOLEMN PROCESSION

VOLUNTARIES – with St. Dunstan Brass

- I. *Canzon quartadecima capricio* Giovanni Battista Grillo (1570 – 1622)
II. *Canzon quintadecima*
III. *Canzon sestadecima*
Canzona settimadecima Gioseppe Guami (1542 – 1611)

Please stand when the bell is rung. Please allow the choir to carry the singing. You may sing softly or hum.

HYMN 207 – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!
Latin, 14th cent.; tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please remain standing.

INTROIT – *Resurrexi*

Tone VII

I am risen, and am still with thee, alleluia; thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia: thy knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me, alleluia, alleluia.
Ps. O Lord, thou hast searched me out, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting, and mine uprising. Glory be... I am risen...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy

neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Please remain standing as you are able.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater Omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe; Dominus Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu, ✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

FIRST READING – Acts 10:34-43

And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is

acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

PSALM 118 – *Confitemini Domino* Anglican Chant: Percy W. Whitlock (1903 – 1947)

14 The LORD is my strength, and my song;

* and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous;

* the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

16 The right hand of the LORD hath the pre-eminence;

* the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live,

* and declare the works of the LORD.

22 The same stone which the builders refused,

* is become the head-stone in the corner.

23 This is the LORD’S doing,

* and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made;

* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1 -11

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of

God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

ALLELUIA – *Pascha nostrum*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us.

SEQUENCE – *Victimæ paschali laudes*

Mode I

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring? “The Tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection: Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.” Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Please remain standing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:1-18

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag’dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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.” Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths 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 know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my

Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” 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, “Rab-bo’ni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Mag’dalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Benjamin Straley
Rector, S. Stephen’s Church

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
*and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

*(Genuflect or
bow)*

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV *(Please remain standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

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

Silence.

Lord, in thy 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.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 thy salvation.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy ☩ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Terra tremuit*

Tone II

The earth trembled and was still: when God arose to judgement, alleluia.

*Note: The people stand while the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
and then sit for the Offertory Anthem.*

MOTET – *Regina Caeli*

Gregor Aichinger (1564 – 1628)

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare,
Resurrexit sicut dixit:
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

*Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia,
for he whom you were worthy to bear
has risen as he promised:
pray for us to God, alleluia.*

Please stand.

HYMN 205 – “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”

Gelobt sei Gott

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!

5 To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun: Alleluia!

Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Normal Mealy (1923 – 1987)

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine
Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli et
terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
✠ Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in

seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this:

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED
FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me. "



And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we give thanks to thee,
and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Nicholas, our Bishop; the reverend clergy of this parish; and all who minister in thy Church. Remember all thy people and those who seek thy truth. Remember all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Remember all those whom we love but see no longer, all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to thee alone; bring them into the place of eternal happiness, joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant & 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD – CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of
the world, grant us thy peace.*

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins
of the world.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Pascha nostrum*

Mode VI

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, alleluia: therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy
blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise
and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I
may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I
beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace
thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee.
Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

HYMN 204 – “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Noël nouvelet

1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872 – 1958), alt.

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Please remain kneeling.

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CLOSING HYMN – “Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son”

Maccabaeus

1 THINE be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-cloths where thy body lay.

Refrain:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Refrain

VOLUNTARY – *Canzon 9 "La Battera"*

Costanzo Antegnati (1549 – 1624)

ST. DUNSTAN BRASS

James Clark and Bodie Pfost, *Trumpets*

Julia Dombek, *French horn*

Grant Randall, *Trombone*

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