

The Easter Triduum

Day Three
Easter Day



*Resurrection depicting the Risen Jesus raising Adam and Eve from the dead.
Todor Mitrovich (Serbia) 1972—*

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcoming the Easter Candle

The ministers gather at the back of the church.

The priest says

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;

**to him be glory and power,
through every age and for ever. Amen.**

A minister brings in the lit Easter Candle and proclaims

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The minister may repeat the acclamation, getting louder each time.

The priest says

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The minister holding the Candle says or sings

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

An Easter hymn of praise may be sung

AHB 287i (tune: Vulpius)

- 1. The strife is past, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won
O let the song of praise be sung,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2. Death's mightiest powers have done their worst;
and Jesus has his foes dispersed
let shouts of praise and joy outburst,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

3. **The three sad days have quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead,
all glory to our risen head
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
4. **Lord over death, our wounded king,
save us from Satan's deadly sting
that we may live for you and sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jubilate Hymns version of Finita jam sunt proelia,
translated by Francis Pott (1832 - 1909).
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The Confession & Absolution

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him

as we confess our sins in penitence and faith of Romans 6.4

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Have mercy on us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you
and live a new life to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power

Forgive you and free you from your sins,

Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit

And raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Priest sings or says the Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10. 34-43]

Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Canticle: Hymn of the Risen Christ

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us,
so let us celebrate the feast,
not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more.
Death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all;
in living he lives to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin,
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who sleep.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For as by one man came death,
by another has come also resurrection of the dead;
for as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Corinthians 5: 7-8, 15: 20-22; Romans 6: 9-11
from Celebrating Common Prayer 1992

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians [3. 1-4]

So if 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: AHB 304

- 1. Very early in the morning
on the first day of the week,
Friends of Jesus walking sadly
came His resting-place to seek.**
- 2. But in Joseph's quiet garden,
on the joyful Easter day,
Angels told them, "He is risen!"
And the stone was rolled away.**
- 3. Ever since that happy morning
Easter makes our Sundays shine.
Jesus, help us to remember
as we keep this day of Thine.**

G. Starr (c. 1950)

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [20. 1-18]
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 towards 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 round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' 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.

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

A short period of silence may follow the sermon

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in his baptism,
so that we may rise with him to new life.

I ask you now to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Water may be sprinkled over the people.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The priest says

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

The minister continues

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith:

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ,
for you have triumphed gloriously.

We pray for your world:
for the welfare of all your people
and for your creation entrusted to our care;
for all in positions of authority;

for men and women in their daily work.

Roll away the stones of hatred and greed.

Transform us with your spirit of justice and righteousness,
that all your people may share in the freedom of your risen life.

Risen God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ,
for you have cancelled the power of sin.

We pray for your worldwide church:

for our brothers and sisters in Christ,

for the people of this parish

and for all who make or renew baptismal vows today.

Roll away the stones of discord and unbelief.

Transform your church with your spirit of wisdom and truth,
that we may be in the world a witness to your risen life.

Risen God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ,
for you show us the mighty power of love.

We pray for the communities in which we live and work;

for our families, our friends and all whom we love;

for the forgotten and undervalued people of society.

Roll away the stones of apathy and selfishness.

Transform our lives with your spirit of love and forgiveness,
that we may share in the joy of your risen life.

Risen God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ,
for you bring us hope when all seems lost.

We pray for all who suffer:

for the hungry and homeless, the lonely and friendless;

for the sick the sorrowing and all who care for them.

Roll away the stones of pain and despair.

Transform the lives of all who suffer with your comfort and balm,
that they may share in the hope of your risen life.

Risen God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ,
for you have broken the bonds of death.
We give you thanks for your faithful people of every age;
for Mary Magdalene, Peter and John
and for all who have seen you and believed.
May we, following their example and yours,
cast off all that binds us in death.
Transform our lives by your risen power, that we,
with all your saints, may come to share for ever
in the glory of your risen life.
Risen God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The priest says

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Please Stand

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

All may exchange a greeting of peace.

Offertory Hymn: TiS 262

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who so lately on the cross alleluia!
suffered 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 pain that he endured
our salvation has procured;
now exalted he is king,
and the angels ever sing:**
- alleluia!
alleluia!
alleluia!
alleluia!**

Anon., *Lyra Davidica* 1708 *alt.*
based on a 14th-cent. ms.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory?

Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ, and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, Father, we pray that we
who receive these your gifts of bread and wine
according to our Saviour's word
may be partakers of his body and blood. ✠

For on the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, his almighty Father,
he broke 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." ✠

After supper, he took the cup and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,

"Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

We offer our prayer and praise, Father,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread, then says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The invitation to Communion is given:

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Come, let us celebrate the feast.
Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts
with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

*An invitation is extended to all Christian people
to make their Communion here today.
To receive a blessing and not communion,
simply keep your hands behind your back
as the signal that this is what you seek.*

Communion Meditation AHB 299.

tunes: Church Triumphant or Duke Street

*I know that my Redeemer lives--
what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head.*

*He lives, to bless me with his love;
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives, my hungry soul to feed;
he lives, to help in time of need.*

*He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death:
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to his name!
he lives, my Saviour, still the same.
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!*

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Let us pray

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices may be given at this point

Hymn: AHB 303. tune 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-clothes where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry 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:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***
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:
*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.***

*French, Edmond Budry 1854—1932
trans: Richard Hoyle 1875—1939*

The Blessing

The blessing of the Living God,
who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing of the risen Christ,
who sends you as apostles into all the world
be upon you now and for ever.

Amen.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit,
who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

The blessing of our God,
the holy and glorious Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you
now, and forever.

AMEN!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the name of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

WHERE IS CHRIST TODAY?

Jesus never was where He was supposed to be!
The Wise Men thought they would find a King in Jerusalem,
but He was in a stable in a small village.

When He was 12,
His family expected Him to go home with them,
but He was still in the Temple.

During His ministry
He was constantly with the poor and the outcast,
with "sinners" rather than with saints.

His disciples thought He was going to Jerusalem
to sit on a throne, but instead He hung upon a cross.
After His burial, some women went to His tomb
expecting to find His body.

But He was not there.
He had risen.

This does not mean that Jesus was capricious and undependable.

He constantly refused to be bound by what others considered appropriate. If Jesus really is our leader today, we have to be prepared to take some sharp turns in unexpected directions.

Just when we think we know Him well,
we may find that we have missed the point.

Today we have come to Church
expecting to find and to acknowledge the Risen Christ.
Yet if this is the only place that we can do this,
we have misunderstood Him,
just as the first disciples did.

Jesus is with us at our work, on the highways, and in our homes.
Above all, He is present wherever persons hurt,
"in haunts of wretchedness and need."
If we want to find and serve Him,
we must seek Him there.