

The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 12th April 2020

EASTER DAY



Online Liturgy for **EASTER DAY**

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LITURGY OF LIGHT

Welcome Fr. Michael

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Saviour Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, through bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

The Exultet is intoned

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

O Universe, dance around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!

Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!

Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!

The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!

Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death, paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.

For this is the Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery and leading her safely through the sea.

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell, broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,
restored to grace and holiness, and share the victory of Christ.

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams you made even our sin a happy fault.

Most blessed of all nights!

Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out, peace and justice find a home,
and heaven is joined to earth and all creation reconciled to you.

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! **Amen.**

The Collect for Easter

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 14. 15 - 15.1

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.

At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the

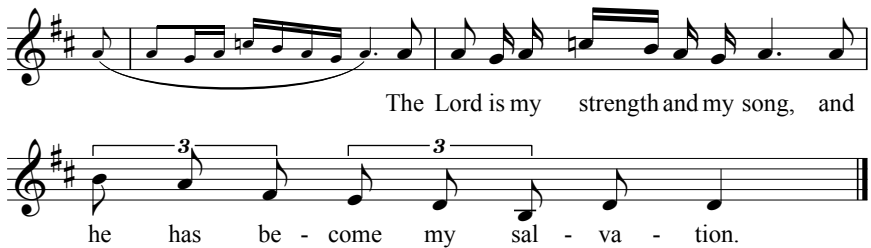
chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Responsorial Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Music – John Tuttle



The Lord is my strength and my song, and
he has be - come my sal - va - tion.

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- ℟:** ***The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.***
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- 17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.
- ℟:** ***The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.***

19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.

℟: *The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.*

21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

℟: *The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.*

New Testament Reading:

Romans 6. 3-11

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Organ Acclamation *Erstanden is der heil'ger Christ, BWV 628 – J.S.BACH*

*The holy Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia.
To the whole world he is the comforter – Alleluia, Alleluia*

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28. 1-10

The Easter Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

ALL: **He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew

ALL: **Glory to you Lord Jesus 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.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Organ 'Christ lag in Todesbanden', BWV 625 – J.S.BACH

*Christ lay in the bonds of death, handed over for our sins
He is risen again and has brought life to us.
For this we rejoice and praise God with thankfulness,
singing: Alleluia, Alleluia.*

The Sermon

Fr Michael

Organ Reflection

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 626 – J.S.BACH

*Jesus Christ our Saviour, who overcame death
is risen and has captured sin. Kyrie eleison.*

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Priest: Let us now proclaim the Christian faith into which we were baptised, and in which we live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

Answer: I believe and trust in him.

Priest: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

Answer: I believe and trust in him.

Priest: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God??

Answer: I believe and trust in him.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Lord God, as we rejoice on this Easter Day, we remember Jesus' words to his followers, 'Peace be with you'. We pray for peace in our world; that we would rise above current strife and conflict.

We pray for the leaders of nations, serving the common good. Surround them with advisors who will work together in trust and give them wisdom and fortitude in their decision making, clarity and compassion in their communication.

*For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.*

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people that we celebrate today, and we pray for your Church. Thank you that, in our Australian Anglican church, a new Primate has been elected and we pray for Archbishop Geoff as he commences in this role at a time of uncertainty in the world and divisions in the church. Give all of us who minister in the places where we live and work, the courage to shine your light and share your Gospel and live together in glory.

*For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.*

Lord God, at this time when we face uncertainty about the future, we are thankful for the promise that you give fullness and life to all who believe. We thank you and pray for all who respond to the call to care for the sick and needy. We pray for the people living in those places where many are dying from Covid19. Help us to remember that each of those lives lost is a human being loved by others and by you; help us to not become complacent about the “good” statistics in Australia, but to remember that we must continue to heed the advice of those in positions of responsibility.

Comfort and heal all known to us who are broken in body or spirit; give strength and help those who minister to their needs. Enable us by your Spirit to live in love for you and for one another.

*For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.*

We rejoice in the glory of the risen Christ Jesus and of all your saints who have shined in your triumph over the grave and death. We remember today our loved ones departed, that they may rejoice in the glory of your presence.

Accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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 for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
Peace be with you.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

All: The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.
and also with you. Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

Priest: God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Postlude:

Prelude in G, BWV 541 – Johann Sebastian BACH

HYMN LINKS:

Christ the Lord is risen today:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nrl2sBiLDxE&t=156s>

The strife is o'er

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJjq4RFnLnk>