

EASTER SUNDAY

**Resurrection:
Celebrating Life in Jesus**

April 12, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Presbyter: We come to worship you our resurrected Saviour and Lord. We bow our heads to your Lordship over every power and authority. We praise you with our lips to acknowledge your love and grace that leads us into truth. We gather together to acknowledge that through you we belong to each other and enabled us to call you Abba father. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia !
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia !
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluia !
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia !

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 !

But the pains that He endured, Alleluia !
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia !
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia !
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia !

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyter: Glory to you O God our Father:

Cong: **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Presbyter: Glory to you O Christ:

Cong: **Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Presbyter: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit

Cong: **When the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come**

Presbyter: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity

Cong: **Now and forever.**

All: Brightness of God's glory and image of God's person whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, you have shared our frailty inhuman flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last. The living one our immortal Saviour and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Cong: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Like those who come to the tomb, we are often paralyzed into inaction, unable to hear the good news; we refuse to follow where you lead; we often are found among the cynical, bitter and unforgiving. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brothers and sisters and with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him: have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness and bring us to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong: Amen. Thanks be to God

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: And also with you.

PEACE

May we share the peace with each other. May you say Shalom to the person next to you.

COLLECT: God of Life, Who through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant that we who celebrate with joy, Christ's rising from the dead, be raised from death to life, So that, our natural and perishable bodies sown in dishonor and weakness be raised as spiritual and imperishable bodies in glory and power, and inherit the Kingdom of God, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: I Kings 17:17-24

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 15:42-58

SPECIAL EASTER ANTHEM by the CHOIR

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

HYMN: Up from the Grave, He Arose

Low in the grave He lay,
Jesus, my Savior,
Waiting the coming day,
Jesus, my Lord!

Vainly they watch His bed,
Jesus, my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my Savior;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever. He lives forever
He lives forever. He lives forever
With His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: O Lord of our lives, be as evident in the world today as in the days of your public ministry.
Cong: Give us discerning hearts, we pray.

Presbyter: Be as much alive in our midst as in the days of your flesh.
Cong: Grant us clear vision of you, O Lord.

Presbyter: As you walked with the disappointed disciples on the dusty road to Emmaus, walk with us in our daily situations.

Cong: Come, travel with us through our life's journey.

Presbyter: As the disciples along the Emmaus way felt their hearts strangely warmed,
Cong: Make us aware of your presence in our daily lives.

Presbyter: As you shared the simple meal with the travelers,
Cong: Come, share our joys and sorrows.

Presbyter: As you revived their faltering hopes,
Cong: Kindle within us the fires of faith.

Presbyter: As you revealed yourself in the breaking of the bread,
Cong: Enable us that we find you even in the simple tasks of everyday life.

Presbyter: As you came into the lives of the disciples,
Cong: Come and abide with us in our life's journey. Amen

HYMN: Just as I am without one plea

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presbyter: How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity! We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Cong: Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Cong: Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.

Presbyter: The Lord be with you:
Cong: And also with you.

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.
Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Cong: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presbyter: Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, Holy Father. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over chaos that we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

Cong: Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and say your glory:

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.

Presbyter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks to you, 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. The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Cong: Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection and we await your coming.

Presbyter: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Presbyter: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Cong: Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Cong: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Presbyter: When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life blood of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Cong: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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

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

Presbyter: The things of God for the people of God. Receive this in faith.

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ,
let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father, of all people,
who through our Lord Jesus Christ, United all things in his fullness.
We join your whole creation, in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness.
You have now touched us with new life, and filled us with new hope,
that your reign will come, the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be
set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done,
that love and faithfulness will meet together , that justice and peace
will kiss each other, and the whole creation will be filled with your glory . Amen.**

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might be and unto our God forever and ever. Amen**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING PRAYER

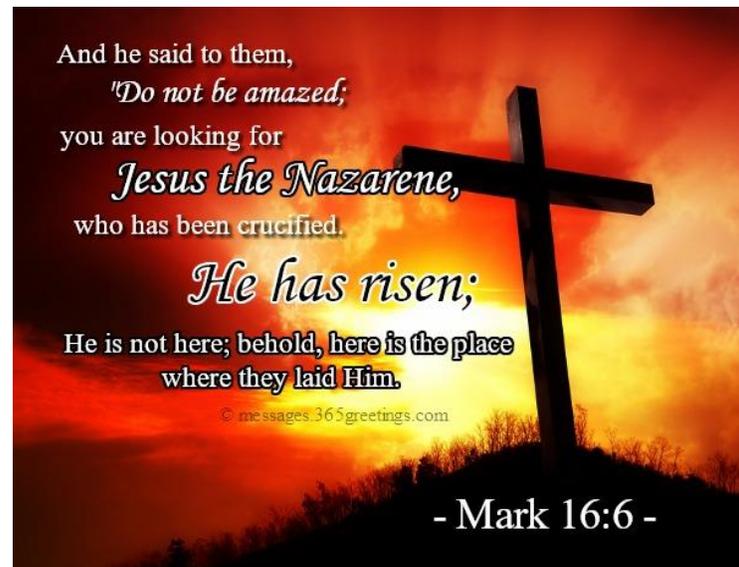
HYMN: I Serve a Risen Saviour

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world to-day;
I know, that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

Refrain : He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives today,
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair
I know that He is leading thru' all the stormy blast,
The day of his appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal Hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.



GOD BLESS YOU...

On Your Birthday...

- 12th Ms. Shanthi Vargis, Ms. Agnes Gunakar,
Ms. Winnona Pacheco, Ms. Arti Thejus, Dr. Ravi Livingstone.
- 13th Ms. Anu Thomas, Mr. Asirvatham Soundarapandian, Mr. Dexter Allan,
Mr. Vishwas Padole, Mr. Nived Chandrakanthan, Ms. Alisha Peters, Ms. Nishmitha Benjamin.
- 14th Ms. Fatima Jacob, Ms. Sunita Stalin, Ms. Geraldine O'Kelly,
Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Leela Edwards, Mr. Gabriel Kumar, Ms. Hannah Reay.
Ms. Sunaina Nath, Ms. Preita Suna, Ms. Kaitlin Selvaraj.
- 15th Mr. Amol Pole, Mr. Ajit Paul, Mr. Reginald Satyavrata, Ms. Rita Bell,
Mr. Steven John, Mr. Joshua Simha, Mr. George Mathew.
- 16th Ms. Kiran John, Mr. Arthur Samraj, Ms. Sharon Claris,
Mr. Sheldon Manuel, Ms. Susila Elizabeth, Ms. Betty Alexander.
- 17th Mr. Shyamal Biswas, Ms. Priscilla Shanmugam, Ms. Nirmala Rajan,
Ms. Beena George, Ms. Rebecca Orlando, Ms. Beulah Babu.
- 18th Mr. Daniel Francis, Ms. Anitha Nirmal.

And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 13th Mr. & Mrs. Samit Singh
- 14th Rev. Dr & Mrs. Arunkumar Gundimi, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Samraj
- 15th Mr. & Mrs. Douglas King, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Samuel
- 16th Mr. & Mrs. Ameetkumar Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Albert David,
Mr. & Mrs. K. Babu.
- 17th Mr. & Mrs. Srinivas Rao
- 18th Mr. & Mrs. Deepak Abraham, Mr. & Mrs. Simson Rajan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Presbyters and the Pastorate Committee of St. John's Church wish you and your family a Blessed Easter.
2. We hope and pray our members are safe and are taking care and following the advice of the Government and local authorities.
3. We urge you to read the Word and pray for our city, our country, and the world. Remember in prayer members who are alone at home, and families who are separated because of COVID-19.
4. Pray for Mr. Joshua OKelly, Mrs. Joyce David, Ms. Letitia Luther, Mr. John Luther, Ms. Joan Kishander, Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, Mrs. Nalini Christudoss, Mrs. Geraldine Lincoln, Mrs. Sarojini Williams, Mrs. Violet Salins and Mrs. Phyllis Rajan
5. Till further notice from the Karnataka Central Diocese, Church services and activities are suspended.
6. If you are not receiving SMS from the Church, kindly contact Christy Theodore 9901428771 or email sjchurchblr@gmail.com
7. The Holy Week Devotions and Church Services are recorded and uploaded on the YouTube channel and the website of St. John's Church.
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