

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

*April 12, 2020: Easter Day*

**Blessing of the First Flame, Preparation of the Easter Candle, Lighting the Lights**

*The liturgical party enters the Cathedral.*

*After the blessing of the first flame, the Officiant cuts a cross in the wax and traces the Greek letters 'Alpha' and 'Omega' and '2020'.*

*Officiant* Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age for ever.

*People* Amen.

*The Officiant then inserts five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross:*

*Officiant* By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

*People* Amen.

*The Officiant lights the candle from the new fire:*

*Officiant* May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*People* Amen.

*Once the Pascal Candle has been lit, the other candles in the Cathedral are lit from the Pascal flame.*

**Hymn** Text: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt; Music: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; Tune: Easter Hymn

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 which he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
*Officiant* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People* May he fill our hearts with joy.

## **Gloria**

*New English Folk Mass*

*Officiant* Glory to God in the highest,  
*All* And peace to his 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.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* Let us pray. *Please remain standing.*  
Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.  
*People* Amen.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated.*

### **The First Reading**

*Acts 10: 34-43*

*Reader* 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.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** *Please remain seated.* *Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24—Plainsong*

*Cantor* Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy en-dures för e-ver.

*All* Let Israel now pro-claim, \*  
“His mercy en-dures för e-ver.”

*Cantor* The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my säl-va-tion.

*All* There is a sound of exultation and vic-to-ry \*  
in the tents of thë right-eous:

*Cantor* “The right hand of the Lord has tri-umphed!; \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord häs tri-umphed!”

*All* I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of thë Lörd.

*Cantor* The Lord has punished me sore-ly, \*  
but he did not hand me o-ver tö death.

*All* Open for me the gates of right-eous-ness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to thë Lörd.

*Cantor* “This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is right-eous mäy en-ter.”

*All* I will give thanks to you, for you an-swered me \*  
and have become my säl-va-tion.

*Cantor* The same stone which the builders re-jec-ted \*  
has become the chief cor-ner\_Stone.

*All* This is the Lord’s do-ing, \*  
and it is marvel-lous in our\_eyes.

*Cantor* On this day the Lord has ac-ted; \*  
*All* we will rejoice and bē glad in\_it.

## The Second Reading

*Colossians 3: 1-4*

*Reader* 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.

*Reader* The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Cantor* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor* Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.

*People* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## The Holy Gospel

*John 20: 1-18*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospeller* 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.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of Christ.      *People*      Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Officiant*      Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All*              We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

*Please be seated.*

**Anthem** *Easter from Five Mystical Songs –  
Rise Heart*

*Text: George Herbert;  
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long;  
Or since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied.  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*McNeil Robinson*

*Officiant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

*All* 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**

*Officiant* Glory to God,

*All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Officiant* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

## **Hymn**

Text: Latin; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams; harm. Derek Holman; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

From every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield: alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Postlude**