

The Holy Eucharist – Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025)

Prelude

Opening Rites

A blessed day brothers and sisters in Christ, and Hallelujah! For today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ that first Easter morning. We rejoice and give praise to our God, for He is alive! He has conquered sin and death, and now reigns forever and ever. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 begins by asking the important question: “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

With praise in our hearts, let us worship our risen King by singing **Hymn #41-2 Jesus Died And Lives Again vv. 1-4**. Let us all **STAND**.

Opening Hymn

#41-2 - “Jesus Died and Lives Again” vv. 1-4

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er, Alleluia!
Lo, He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!

Verse 3

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Verse 4

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory O grave? Alleluia!

Greeting

All standing, the 1st and 5th responses should be used, the others are optional.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

“耶穌真正死復活”

- 1 耶穌真正死復活，哈利路亞！
天使世人傳開闊，哈利路亞！
感謝吟詩出大聲，哈利路亞！
讚美救主大尊名。哈利路亞！
- 2 救世功勞今做成，哈利路亞！
對敵敗陣主戰勝，哈利路亞！
贖罪一次就清楚，哈利路亞！
耶穌不須再受苦。哈利路亞！
- 3 封石設兵空服勞，哈利路亞！
禁主出墓無奈何，哈利路亞！
耶穌復活不再死，哈利路亞！
魔鬼計窮誤自己。哈利路亞！
- 4 基督用死救靈魂，哈利路亞！
咱人靠祂免沉淪，哈利路亞！
救主攻破陰府門，哈利路亞！
替咱開路到樂園。哈利路亞！

V. I was glad when they said to me,
R. "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
V. O come, let us sing to the Lord;
R. Let us shout for joy to the Almighty Savior.
V. God is spirit.
R. Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.
V. Praise be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
R. And praise be to His kingdom now and forever.
V. Alleluia. Christ is risen.
R. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say the following prayer or any other appropriate prayer

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

Song of Praise

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in Your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship You in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lessons: Please be **SEATED** for the reading of today's lessons.

The people sit. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

The First and Second Reading from Isaiah 51:9-11 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-22.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Our anthem this morning reminds us those wonderful events leading up and resulting from our Lord's resurrection. Let us listen and reflect on them as our choir sings the anthem entitled, "**Was It a Morning Like This.**"

"Was It a Morning Like This"

Was it a morning like this,
When the sun still hid from Jerusalem,
And Mary rose from her bed
To tend the Lord she thought was dead?

Was it a morning like this,
when Mary walked down from Jerusalem,
And two angels stood at the tomb,
Bearers of news she would hear soon?

Did the grass sing?
Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?
Over and over like a trumpet underground, did the earth seem to pound He is risen?
Over and over in a never ending round,
He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Was it a morning like this,
When Peter and John ran from Jerusalem,
And as they raced toward the tomb,
Beneath their feet, was there a tune?

Did the grass sing?
Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?
Over and over like a trumpet underground, did the earth seem to pound He is risen?
Over and over in a never ending round,
He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Over and over like a trumpet underground, did the earth seem to pound He is risen?
Over and over in a never ending round,
He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Was it a morning like this,
When my Lord looked out on Jerusalem?
He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Over and over like a trumpet underground, did the earth seem to pound He is risen?
Over and over in a never ending round,
He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:1-10.
People Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Sermon (Ptr. Jonathan Banzuelo)

The Nicene Creed

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 men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
conceived by 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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People: Let us **KNEEL** and pray.

V. Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church;
R. That we may be one.

V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;
R. That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
R. That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

V. Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;
R. That our works may find favor in Your sight.

V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
R. That they may be delivered from their distress.

V. We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;
R. May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

V. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit You have made us one with Your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to Your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession

Hebrews 4:14,16: "Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, we pray You of Your mercy: forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

The Peace

Let us all **STAND**. *The Celebrant says to the people*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Please be **SEATED**.

Celebrant

We will now have our offertory. Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. As we present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord, don't forget to sign the attendance booklets found on your pews. During this time we will also be singing **Hymn #37 - Low, In The Grave He Lay**.

Offertory Hymn: #37 – “Low, In The Grave He Lay”

Verse 1

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

“祂倒在墳墓裏”
1 祂倒在墳墓裡，
我救主耶穌，
等候時到出來，
我主耶穌。

Chorus

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!

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

Death cannot keep his Prey,
Jesus my Saviour;
He tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!

After the offerings are collected, the people sing

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give You thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this night of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of Your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of His passion Jesus Christ, Your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of Your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness. We join our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Celebrant and People

和： 祂復再活由墓起，
大權能贏對敵的計智，
祂復活克勝黑暗死失權勢，
與聖徒長長居住國位永坐，
祂復活， 祂復活，
哈利路亞主復活。

2 封石設兵加工，
我救主耶穌，
三日顧守空空，
我主耶穌。

3 死失權勢廢無，
我救主耶穌，
破開堅固監牢，
我主耶穌。

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us in Your image, and, when we fell into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
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

- V. We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
R. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Now to God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

1. Marriage Keepers ministry would like to invite all our married couples to attend our fellowship this April 27, Sunday at 10.15am in room 402. Dr Joyce Piap Go will share about UNDER THE SHEETS, which is about intimacy in marriage. Please feel free to invite your married couple friends for this opportunity to learn and be encouraged.
2. Well, if you are not yet married but engaged or planning to get married someday, you are most welcome to enroll in our Called Together class. This is a pre-marital class designed for couples who would like to learn God's design and purpose for marriage, and other practical topics to help the couple navigate married life.
Classes will start on May 4 (Sunday), 10.15am in room 402 (MK room). The course will run for 10 sessions. You may register through sis Agnes of our church office or just approach Christian Ong or Aileen Ong. Thank you

We hope that our risen Lord is glorified in our worship today. May the good news that our Savior is alive today, would refresh and inspire us daily to live in faithful obedience to Him. Let us all STAND as we sing our closing song **Hymn #255 – He Lives.**

Closing Song: Hymn #255 – “He Lives”

Alfred Henry Ackley

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Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
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

Chorus

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

Verse 2

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,
through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing
will come at last.

Verse 3

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.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

“主活”

- 1 今日救主有復活，勝過死失權勢，
我深信祂有復活，替我還清罪債，
看祂釘痕的聖手，聽祂安慰的聲，
無論何時欠用祂，祂導我行。

- 和： 耶穌基督永永遠遠活着，
與我同行與我講話使我與祂近倚；
我要報揚救恩到全世界，
我怎樣知主有復活，祂活在我心內。

- 2 在我日常生活中，有主的大愛疼，
雖有憂愁心艱苦，也不致到絕望，
人生雖然有風浪，我主親身導路，
將來祂的確再來，不會錯誤。

- 3 信徒一齊大歡喜， 出聲讚美吟講，
榮耀和哈利路亞， 歸主耶穌咱王，
祂作咱及時幫助， 給咱滿有希望，
無論人親像祂溫柔， 仁慈愛疼。