

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord



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LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION

C. Glory to Thee, O Trinity co-equal.

R. Only Deity, ere yet the worlds began to be, and now, and through eternity.

PSALM 117 - Choir: Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples. For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 3 - Choir: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me. Many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. But Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head. I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. I am not afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God! For Thou dost smite all my enemies on the cheek, Thou dost break the teeth of the wicked. Deliverance belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

C. Glory to Thee, O Trinity co-equal.

R. Only Deity, ere yet the worlds began to be, and now, and through eternity.

C. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

All: Our Father...

C. In Thy Resurrection, O Christ, alleluia!

R. Let heaven and earth rejoice, alleluia!

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. LET US PRAY...O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Who fulfilled by Your Resurrection all that was promised by the prophets: observing in remembrance the glory of the resurrection, we are gathered together to do You homage in deepest thanksgiving. Look on us in our humility and grant that, being wiped clean from the stain of sin during the holiness of the Great Night, we will rise to new life as worthy partakers of Your death and resurrection, Who lives and reigns with God the Father in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
R. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

1. C. *Come, Rejoice, our Lord is risen!* R. Come, sing out the proclamation!
Come, sing of His resurrection! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. *Wesoły nam dziś dzień nastał, Którego z nas każdy żądał,
Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał, Alleluja, alleluja.*
3. *Lo, our heav'nly King comes to us! As a flow'r arrayed so beauteous.
Over death he reigns victorious, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
4. *All the pow'rs of hell are broken, All the foes of God are fallen,
Yet us he has not forsaken, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
5. *Three days in the tomb He lay there; The fate of mankind He would bear
That His life all mankind might share, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
6. *Do trzeciego dnia tam mieszkał, Ojce święte tam pocieszał,
Potem im z sobą iść kazał, Alleluja, alleluja.*
7. *They who dwelt in sin's deep crevice, When at last they saw their Savior,
Called to Him in deepest sorrow, Alleluia, alleluia!*

8. At hell's portal they cried to Him, "Son of God, O King almighty,
Save us from hell's awful forces, Alleluia, alleluia!
9. Waiting in anticipation, Great their joy and their elation,
When at last they saw salvation. Alleluia, alleluia!
10. With great pow'r He resurrected, Though untouched the seal burst open
Guards froze in sheer trepidation, Alleluia, Alleluia!
11. Through Thy holy resurrection May we gain from sin redemption.
And know eternal salvation, Alleluia, alleluia!

Nadia Lipperini, Kaitlyn Gingerlowski, violin; Josh Stankowski, viola

Upon entering the Sanctuary when the celebrant reaches the main altar and enthrones the Blessed Sacrament, the following versicle and the response will be sung three times.

C. The Lord is risen from the tomb, alleluia.

R. Who for us has hung on the wood of the cross, alleluia.

C. In Thy resurrection, O Christ, alleluia.

R. Let heaven and earth rejoice, alleluia.

C. Let us pray....O God, Who gladdens us each year by the feast of the Lord's Resurrection, grant us the grace that, being risen with Christ, we would know the joy of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

The Sacrament is censed then reserved within the tabernacle.

CENSING OF THE ALTAR *Alleluia!*

William Boyce

The Cathedral Chorale

Prayer Before Holy Mass (please rise)

My dear God and loving Father, as I participate in this Holy Mass, may Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

OPENING HYMN 126 *Queen of the Heavens, Rejoice!*

Queen of the Heavens, now rejoice. Hear the wonderful story.

Up from the grave your Son arose, Christ the Victor in glory. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mary and Salome did come unto the grave to anoint him.

But from the grave our Lord arose, God's angel said unto them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your Son, beloved, arisen, to apostles appears now.

He conquered death, and hell also, as he triumphed in glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Mary, whose sadness has turned to joy, O, may your prayers bring us great joy,

And happiness in Christ's kingdom. May we ever sing unto him: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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INTROIT

Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2

C: I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia. **R: O Lord, You have probed me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.** C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. **R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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GLORIA

Powell

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our Father, You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the risen Christ Who is among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

based on Wśród Radości

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND LESSON

1 Cor. 5:6-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Plainsong Mode I

Christians, to the Paschal victim offer your thankful praises! A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: the Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest, wayfaring: "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; "Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. "Yea, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he will go before you. "Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining; have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen.

The Cathedral Choral
Barbara Nowicki and Rebecca Elfman, sopranos
Marcel Sinclair and Sean Wolfe, basses

ALLELUIA

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c

traditional Ukrainian chant, arr. Elfman)

Choir, then all:
Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le-lu - ia.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.** C: Christ has become our Paschal Sacrifice: Let us feast with joy in the Lord. **R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord. R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT *Come, Thou Creator Spirit Blest*

Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

All glory while the ages run be to the Father and the Son,
Who gave us life the same to Thee,
Who gave us life the same to Thee, O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

R: CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

OFFERTORY VERSE

Psalm 76:9b-10a

The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Sons and Daughters*

arr. Mark Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat and spake unto the three:
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia!

That night th'apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days, to God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Cathedral Chorale

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty and Loving Father, accept these sacrificial gifts we offer You with joy in which Your Church is reborn and nourished. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE OF EASTER

SANCTUS

Englert

~ CANON ~

THE LORDS PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Elfman

COMMUNION ANTHEM *The Strife Is O'er*

The strife is o'er, alleluia! The vict'ry won, alleluia!
The song of triumph begun: death could not conquer God's Son.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In His love He suffered for us, gave His life for us on the cross.
Sing tidings of resurrection, sing of our Savior's salvation!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Mother, who had wept for our Lord, near the cross in sorrow there stood.
Let us rejoice in communion with all the angels of heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Cathedral Chorale
Barbara Nowicki, soprano; Lu Ann Kaszuba, alto

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 132 *O'er Death Victorious* (verses as needed)

O'er death victorious, Christ the Lord is risen,
On the third morning, from death's darkest prison.
Frightened, unfaithful, know that death is conquered by the Messiah, Alleluia!

Struck by earth's shaking, frightened guards are shaken.
Then, by an angel, joyous news is given.
"Look there, O women, see the grave, now empty. Christ has arisen!" Alleluia!

Leave, tides of sorrow; flow from us, O sadness.
Christ's triumph glorious fills our hearts with gladness.
He has completed God the Father's mission; He reigns victorious. Alleluia!

Sing now, O Zion, Church of Christ, exultant!
He Who was crucified lives again triumphant.
Sing now in gladness, sing of Christ, our Savior, Lord, and Redeemer. Alleluia!

COMMUNION VERSE

Romans 6:9

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Father, watch over Your Church and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING (please kneel)

DISMISSAL

C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord alleluia!

R: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer After Holy Mass (please remain kneeling)

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 124 *Christ Is Risen*

Christ is risen, sing, O Christian! Wipe the tears of grief away.
All who would now seek Salvation, come, rejoice with us this day.
He has risen, Lord in glory, as he had foretold his victory.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us sing Alleluia!

Useless was the stone so heavy which they used to seal His grave.
Unsuccessful were the sentries keeping watch o'er One Who saves.
All for nought were their endeavors to contain the Mighty Victor. *Refrain*

God Almighty, God, of nature, reigns above all He has made,
Crushes walls, concedes no barrier, rises boldly from the grave.
Guards fall down in trepidation, motionless in fear before him. *Refrain*

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, humbly we would ask of Thee
That we might know Thy salvation, and o'er death, know victory,
That we might come with Thy chosen, and behold Thee, Lord of heaven. *Refrain*

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in C*

Dieterich Buxtehude