



EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
BURNET, TEXAS

EASTER DAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
APRIL 4, 2021

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 175 *Salve festa dies*

*Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day that art hallowed forever;
day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.*

1 Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising,
every good gift of the year now with its Master returns: *(Refrain)*

2 He who was nailed to the Cross is Lord and the Ruler of nature;
all things created on earth sing to the glory of God: *(Refrain)*

3 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars, flinging her increase of light: *(Refrain)*

4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art author of life and creation;
treading the pathway of death, life thou bestowest on all: *(Refrain)*

5 God, the Creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within: *(Refrain)*

6 Jesus, the health of the world, enlighten our minds, thou Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only begotten of God. *(Refrain)*

7 Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all, life that in all dost abide: *(Refrain)*

8 Praise to the Giver of good! Thou Love who art author of concord,
Pour out thy balm on our souls, order our ways in thy peace: *(Refrain)*

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is sung by all (setting is S280 in the hymnal)

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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to the gentiles: "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.

Gradual Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’S doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians (3:1-4)

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.

Hymn 208 *Victory*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. (16.1-8)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

5. Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon

The Most Reverend Michael Curry (video)

Comments by Father Michael Long and members of the congregation as they wish

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 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 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.

Prayers of the People, Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael; for our Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; for our priest Michael; for our missionary Jeannie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Andy Kala, Mae Gibson, Everett Holbrook, and all who have died from the coronavirus. And pray for all who mourn their passing.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for

John	Allan	Kenyon	Ann	Charles	Brooks
Nancy	James	Sarah	Ginny	Patty	Ed
Morgan	Victoria	Lynne	Lindsey	Alice	Degeyter family
David	Christian	Carol	Ellie	Glenda	William
Judy	Patrick	Tyler	Tom	Leah	Bailey family
Bob	Dale	Merle	Shelly	Greg	Sid and his family
Karen	Donna	Shereese	Carol	Jackie	Betty
Leslie	June	Miranda	Gayle	Donald	Bonnie & Ed
Sherrill	Mollie	Katelyn	Rashunda	RG	Sherry
Bobbie	George	Dianne	Carolyn	Robyn	Norman
Marianne	Jo	Jill	Virginia	Barbara	Joe
Winifred	Cecile	Melissa	Dallas	Mary	Women in the Hutto facility
Ryan	Jim	Linda			

I ask your prayers for all who serve in the military, especially

Brian	James	Kevin	Jarrold	Bryan	All in harm's way
Eric	Trever	Jonathan	Chris	John Wesley	

I ask your prayers for all who are traveling this week.

I ask your thanksgiving for the birthday of Nancy Petty (April 4), Tim Erskine (April 8), Dawn Milanovich (April 9), and Cranz Nichols (April 9).

I invite your prayers or thanksgivings at this time.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with following collect

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Hymn 207 *Easter Hymn*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

3. 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!

2. 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!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

- **Layreaders this morning** are Sandy and Rufus Arrington.
- **LA Care and the Community Kitchen** have ongoing needs. Epiphany maintains the Community Kitchen the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month.
- **Bulletin and E-Star deadlines**—Tuesday, 9 am. Contact Dianne Williams in the parish office with news or updates.