MORNING PRAYER: RITE I ~ APRIL 19, 2020

A Festal Fanfare

GREETING FROM THE RECTOR

INTROIT

THE PRELUDE

Alleluia! For Christ the Lord Is Risen

THE ACCLAMATION AND OPENING SENTENCES (Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Kneeling, officiant and people together*)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (Standing)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it People was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CANTICLE, HYMN 645

Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 116:11-16 (Standing, read in unison)

¹¹What shall I give unto the LORD for all the benefits that he has done unto me? ¹² I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the LORD. ¹³ I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people; dear in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. ¹⁴O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, and the child of your handmaid; you have broken my bonds asunder. ¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the Name of the LORD. ¹⁶ I will pay my vows unto the LORD in the sight of all his people, in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

CANTICLE

O Church, Arise

1. O Church, arise and put your armour on; hear the call of Christ our Captain For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.

- 2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor; And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valour. When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure; And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.
- 3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen. And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.
- 4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride; give grace for ev'ry hurdle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

Repeat first stanza

THE SECOND LESSON

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Reverend Jeffrey S. Miller

Johann Sebastian Bach

1 Peter 1:13-25

W. Russell

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

THE SERMON HYMN

- 1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold; And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- 2. We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
- 3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
- 4. A new creation comes to life and grows As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

THE HOMILY

The Right Reverend Mark J. Lawrence

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Standing, said by all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. (All kneeling, officiant and people pray in the words of The Lord's Prayer.)

THE SUFFRAGES (Said responsively)

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; *and grant us thy salvation*. Endue thy ministers with righteousness; *and make thy chosen people joyful*. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; *for only in thee can we live in safety*. Lord, keep this nation under thy care; *and guide us in the way of justice and truth*. Let thy way be known upon earth; *thy saving health among all nations*. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; *nor the hope of the poor be taken away*. Create in us clean hearts, O God; *and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit*.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY, A COLLECT FOR PEACE, A COLLECT FOR GRACE

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers, saying, "Lord, in your mercy." The people respond, "Hear our prayer."

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (Remaining kneeling, all in unison)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM (Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.)

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING PRAYERS

THE CLOSING HYMN

Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing

- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing, His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and home with praises sing, His love in death shall never die.
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, He comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.
- 3. Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
- But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
- 4. In every insult, rift and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
- 5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age, Till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

The priest blesses and dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

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