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*Sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Easter Sunrise

April 4th, 2021

6:15 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

In the darkness and silence, a fire is kindled.

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus the Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Officiant: Let us pray. Loving God, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The paschal candle is lighted from the new fire.

Deacon: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The paschal candle is held high.

Deacon: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Candles are lighted from the paschal candle. Those joining from home are welcome to also light a candle at this time.

Deacon: The light of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The paschal candle is placed in a stand near the lectern.

The Exsultet

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling the saving of God's people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent Jesus the Son to be our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Handheld candles may be extinguished.

A Reading from Exodus (14:10-31; 15:20-21)

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots,

and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.” The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and

with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,

People: your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

All: the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

One: Let Israel now proclaim,

All: “The mercy of the Lord endures for ever.” . . .

One: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

All: There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

One: “The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!

**All: The mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**

One: I shall not die, but live,

All: and declare the works of the Lord.

One: The Lord has punished me sorely,

All: but did not hand me over to death.

One: Open for me the gates of righteousness;
All: I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

One: "This is the gate of the Lord;
All: those who are righteous may enter."

One: I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
All: and has become my salvation.

One: The same stone which the builders rejected
All: has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord's doing,
All: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

One: On this day the Lord has acted;
All: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Celebrant: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
People: look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Bells ring out.

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of life and light,
People: this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from Romans (6:3-11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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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!

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:1-10)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel's appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A time of silence

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

All: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus the Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and

endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People

One: In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For the whole bright earth, so lovingly created yet so compassionately redeemed, that it may speak again of the glory and majesty of God, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy to live together in hope, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all in high places of authority, for whom Christ was put to death and was raised, that they may be

led to govern with equity and justice, bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all who have been baptized and given the garments of light, that they, with the whole church, may be witnesses to the gospel in daily life, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: For all captives, prisoners, and those condemned to die, with whom the Holy One shares suffering and abandonment, that they may find strength, freedom, and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: For all who suffer in mind, body, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord have mercy.

One: For all gathered in this assembly, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: Rejoicing in the risen presence of our Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and ourselves to Christ, to whom we give laud and praise now and forever.

All: Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: Yours Be the Glory

CP#210

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay.

Refrain:

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living; death has lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors
through your deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.

Refrain

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**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.**

Officiant: God of life,

**All: bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this**

**in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.**

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.

Officiant: The stone has been rolled away. Rejoice!

All: The limits we put on ourselves are gone.

Officiant: The stone has been rolled away. Celebrate!

All: Conflicts will cease, peace will be the reality.

Officiant: The stone has been rolled away. Be glad!

All: The earth will be saved from human destruction.

Officiant: The stone has been rolled away. Glory to God!

All: Our joy and our thanksgiving know no boundaries.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Officiant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



***The Garden Tomb,
Jerusalem***