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# Easter Day Liturgy

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## Prelude: Three Renaissance Dances

Tielman Susato (c. 1510-1570)

I. La Mourisque    II. Branle    III. Ronde

*Canzona per Sonare No. 4*

Giovanni Gabrieli (c. 1554-1612)

*Contrapunctus I from Die Kunst der Fuge (BWV 1080)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Canzona Bergamasca*

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

Brass Quintet

## Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymnal, no. 207

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## **Preces**

Hymnal, no. S-33

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## **Invitatory**

Hymnal, no. S-16

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

- 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.

## New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

Aileen Gatten

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other 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.”

## Jubilate

Hymnal, no. S-41

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Aileen Gatten

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.

## Canticle 8: *The Song of Moses*

Hymnal, no. S-208

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 85

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

As they got closer, they grew anxious. When they got to their destination, they became alarmed, which gave way to amazement, then terror. They left quickly, silenced by fear. That's how St. Mark describes the initial reaction of the witnesses to the Resurrection on that first Easter morning. His version of the story stops there without any hint of what is to come. Others would record the rest: the gentle words, the intimacies shared, the joy of hopes fulfilled, the sense of calm the presence of Christ brings. We gravitate toward those stories because they are so lovely, so much like what we want our life in Faith to be. That's Easter.

That other, is not.

But it is. Mark's Easter is our Easter.

Though he could not have known it, Mark's odd, unsatisfying ending of his gospel makes perfect sense when we consider who his audience is: Us, Right Now. Since the pandemic began, how many mornings have been like the Easter morning he describes? How often do we wake up anxious as we look toward the day ahead? What in the news, that we consume searching for something to hold on to, leaves us with anything less than a sense of alarm? As pointless tragedies multiply throughout the world, who would not be afraid?

These feelings and reactions are nothing new to our time or generation. They have held sway, for one reason or another, throughout human history. We just have better access to information than Mark's world did, and the pandemic has given us more opportunities to be gripped by fear, if we allow ourselves to be. But that wasn't Mark's intent; his starkly sober tone leaves no room for sentimentality so that the important truth he seeks to tell is clear for us, today: To live in fear, to allow ourselves to be paralyzed by forces we cannot control or even fully understand, is to die. Such an existence is a tomb in itself. Jesus died and rose again to eradicate that fear and open up a new life for us with him.

But even so, this year, more than ever, we need at least a glimpse of Easter joy. Yet is Mark so deadly serious. The Christ he shows us is certainly not a product of mass-marketing with a silly, "Don't worry, be happy – here, have some jellybeans" kind of gospel. But nor is he out to terrify us. The Christ that Mark shows us by his absence is saying, we are right to be afraid. The world has been gripped by a virulent, life-threatening disease

that we must still take seriously. But long before that, way back to the beginning, another terrifying force – the power of sin – also menaced us, as an even more deadly treat. In rising from the grave Jesus has satisfied our deepest longing and freed us from our greatest fear. What could possibly be more joyful?

Yet, as much as we may think we want to be rid of it, fear is a seductive god, one that is easy to serve. It will quietly do its work in those who give themselves over to it, until our tomb shuts us in. Jesus shatters that bond and allows us to walk free into a new life with him. It's a scary first step. The unfamiliar always is. But knowing where fear will ultimately lead us, do we really want to go along that all too familiar path?

A life with the risen Christ is one lived with fear in its proper place: back in the Tomb that Jesus has overcome for us. Christ is risen, “just as he told you.” Those are the last words spoken in Mark’s gospel. By ending his account with such blunt force he compels us to move beyond fear, not just so we can join the celebration, but so that fear is finally drained of its power and shown to be the false god it is. Our God is a God of new life; not fear, not death.

Mark’s story still needs an ending. If it’s going to have one, we will have to provide it ourselves, as has every generation of believers. So, will our story end with fear, or with an embrace of new life? The choice is ours. The Risen Christ awaits our answer.

## **Apostles Creed**

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

## **The Prayers**

### **Collect of the Day**

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.*

**Anthem:** *Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

St. Andrew's Virtual Adult Choir

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the Cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen! Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield; then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace, rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever safe with thee.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! to the Saviour, who has gained the victory; Alleluia! to the spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty. Alleluia!*



## General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

## Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-55

## Closing Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Llanfair



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Love's re-deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All on earth with an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lwing our ex - alt - ed head; Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Death in vain for - bids him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Postlude: *Wie Will Ich Mich Freuen* (BWV 146)

J.S. Bach

### Leaders in Today's Liturgy

**BRASS QUINTET:** David Ammer, Trumpet  
Derek Lockhart, Trumpet  
Andrew Pelletier, French Horn  
David Jackson, Trombone  
David Zerkel, Tuba

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May this *Easter* bring you  
a renewal of *faith*, a revival of *hope*,  
and a resurrection of *joy*.