

*Easter Sunday*  
*of the Resurrection of our Lord*  
*April 4, 2021*



**Organ Prelude begins at 9:20 am**

*Let the Bright Seraphim*, G. F. Handel

**Entrance Antiphon**

*I am risen, and I am always with you, alleluia; You have placed your hand upon me, alleluia;  
Your wisdom has been shown to be most wonderful, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

*Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. 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!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will.  
We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You.  
We give You thanks for Your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord.  
You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high.  
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Reading 1: Acts 10:34a, 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.”

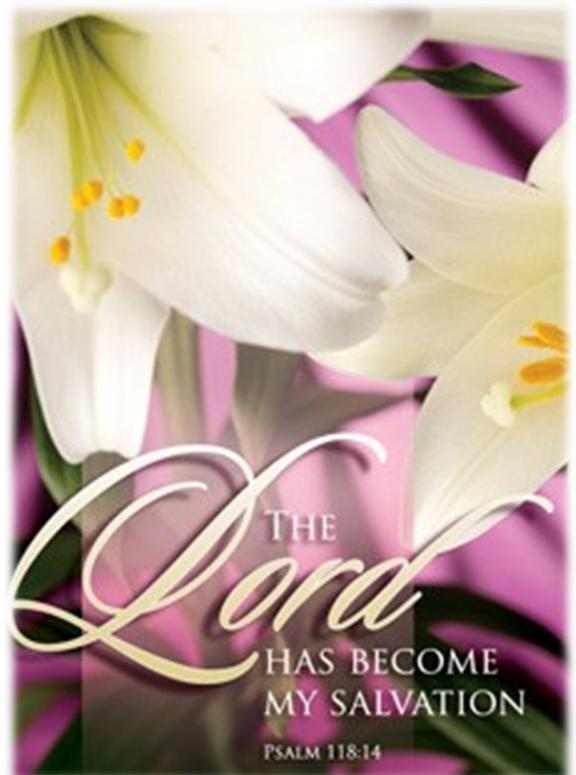
### Responsorial Psalm: 118

***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.”*

*“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.”*

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



## Reading 2: Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.



## 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.



## Offertory Anthem: *Christ has Arisen*, MFURAHINI HALELUYA

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

Refrain:

*Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

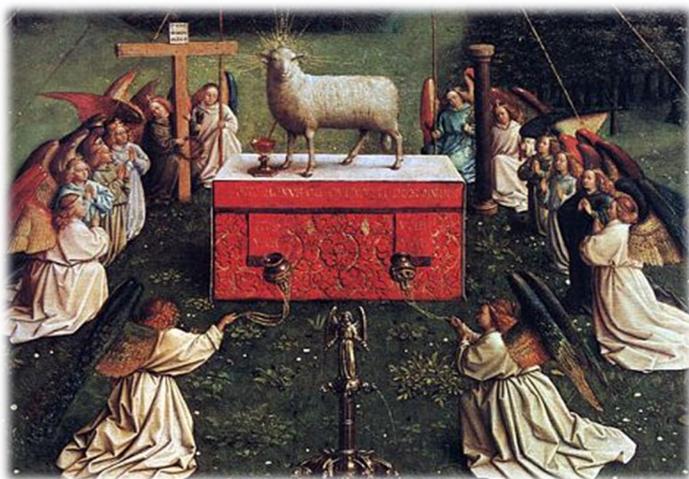
*For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show.  
[Refrain].*

*The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there."  
[Refrain].*

## Communion Antiphon

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep  
the feast by sharing the unleavened bread of uprightness and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly present  
in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
and I desire to possess You within my soul.  
Since I am unable at this moment  
to receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as being already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



## Communion Anthem: *Easter Alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory to God who does wondrous things, let all the people God's praises now sing,  
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
See how salvation for all has been won, up from the grave our new life has begun,  
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Now in our presence the Lord will appear, shine in the faces of all of us here,  
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!*

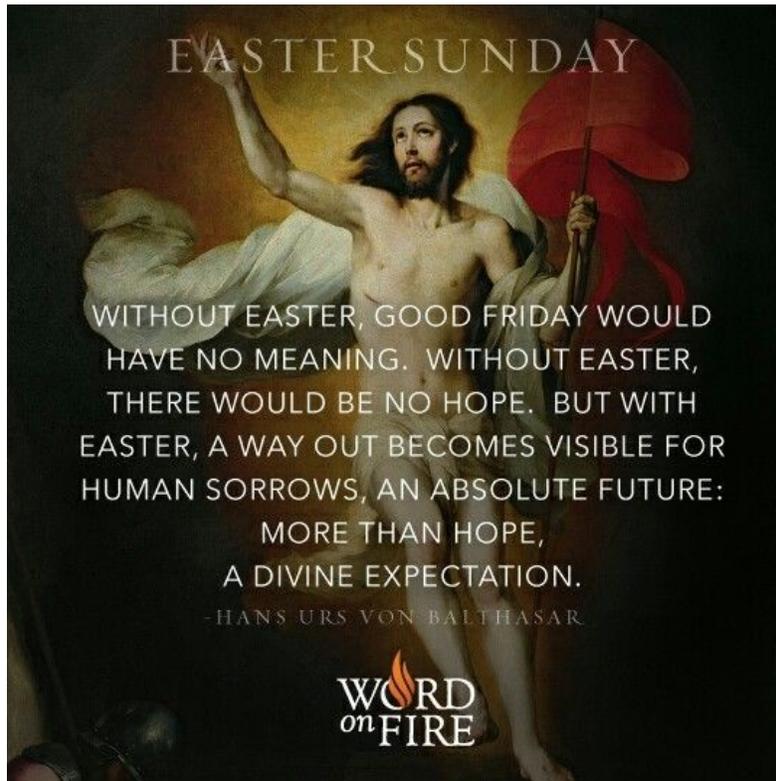
## Closing Hymn: The Strife is O'er

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won!  
Songs of rejoicing have begun. Alleluia! [Refrain]*

*The powers of death have done their worst; But Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia! [Refrain]*

*On the third day, Christ rose again, glorious in majesty to reign.  
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluia! [Refrain]*



*“We are the Easter people and  
Alleluia is our song.”*

*- Saint John Paul II*