



*A Service of Morning Prayer*

*April 18, 2021*

THE EPISCOPAL  
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MEDFIELD, MA



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April 18, 2021  
9.30am

Prelude            *“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”*        — Bach

Hymn No. 186 *Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands*

## **Opening Sentence**

**Officiant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**People:**        **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:**        **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
ever. Amen.**

**All:**            **Alleluia.**

## **Pascha nostrum**

Antiphon

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

Therefore let us keep the feast,

Nor with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

Death no longer as dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, \*

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as is in Adam all die, \*

so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Celebrant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia**

## **Psalm 4**

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

**Acts 3:12-19**

**Lector:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to

have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 8 The Song of Moses**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

## **The Second Reading**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

**Officiant:** A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 21 *Te Deum***

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
    Father, of majesty unbounded,  
    your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
    and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin’s womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God’s right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
    Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
    bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray

**People:** 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.

**Officiant:** Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People:** And grant us your salvation.

**Officiant:** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**People:** **Let your people sing with joy.**

**Officiant:** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**People:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**Officiant:** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**People:** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

**Officiant:** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**People:** **Your saving health among all nations.**

**Officiant:** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**People:** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

**Officiant:** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**People:** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Officiant:** O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may be hold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue in our hospitals and research centers his gracious work among us, especially those ministering to people affected by the coronavirus; console and heal the sick; grant to the researchers, physicians, nurses, and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience; prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon all who serve the suffering; Lord we also pray for those who have requested our prayers: Bishop Alan, Bishop Gayle, Bishop Bud, Obi Aduba, Karen Armour, Stan Baker, Linda Carlough, Nancy Mailing, Eva Melzar, Mary Melzar, Gerlyn Melzar, Alex Simpson, Mary Ann Simpson, Chris Tahan, Chuck Tortorello Sr.,

Leslie Vickers, Hillary, and Christopher.  
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Officiant:** Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. We pray especially for the people of Minnesota and for those who grieve for Daunte Wright; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

The Office Hymn *LEVAS II* No. 213 *Children of the heavenly Father*

The Homily

The Rev. Marc Eames

### The Offertory

**Officiant:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

The Offertory Anthem      “*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*”      — Bach

Doxology Hymn No. 380

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*(in unison)*

**Officiant:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

**People:** Amen

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Officiant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**People:** **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn No. 182 *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

Postlude

*“Arise is the Holy Christ”*

— Bach

Regina Coeli

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## **Tabernacle Light**

The tabernacle light, presence light, or sanctuary lamp, holds a candle and is attached to the wall or ceiling near the place where sacrament is reserved. Our tabernacle light was a gift to the parish by Ellen Cole in honor of her late husband David. It was memorialized in a special Eucharist in 2014.

The candle that it holds is kept continually burning anytime sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle as a sign of Christ's presence. A single candle burns all week long and is replaced every Sunday morning. It is a long tradition of the church to have such candles burn as a memorial for a loved one similar to the way that flowers are offered. We have a suggested donation of \$20 dollars.

### **How to signup for the Tabernacle light during virtual worship:**

If you desire to dedicate the light to a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please do the following:

**Email:** [millydowning@gmail.com](mailto:millydowning@gmail.com) *and include the requested date and name of the person.*

You are encouraged to reserve a date(s) in 2021 as early as possible. Thank you.

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