

## Easter Sunday 2021

### **Announcements and Territorial Acknowledgement**

#### **Gathering of Community**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria** – words will be on the screen as the Church of the Advocate Choir sing.

#### **Collect of the Day**

Loving God, through an empty tomb you deliver us from sin and death, and bring us to new life.

Grant us courage to enter into your abundant joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*A New Zealand Prayer Book (1989) alt.*

#### **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

A reading from the Book of Acts [10:34-43]

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God**

#### **The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark [16:1-18]

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **The Sermon**

#### **Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

As we celebrate the resurrection, let us pray to one true God, who brings life to all. The response to "Let us pray to the Lord" is, "Lord hear our prayer"

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving (#3)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,...

...to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love...  
...Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...  
...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,**  
**the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of Bread (#8)**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God

**Thanks be to God**

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion –**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray..

**Doxology**

Glory to God

**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.**

**Blessing****Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, loving and serving others. Alleluia. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**