WORSHIP AT HOME IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
April 12, 2020
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A Liturgy of Word and Prayer
11:00 o’clock a.m.

During this service, the People respond using words printed in bold face

The Word of God

The opening acclamation is said three times:
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We sing a hymn of praise:

1 That Easter day with joy was bright, the
2 His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his
3 O Jesus, King of gentleness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us abide in
5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to

1 sun shone out with fairer light, when, to their longing
2 wound-ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their solemn
3 thou thyself our hearts possess that we may give thee
4 this our joyful Easter tide; from every weapon
5 thee, who, dead, again dost live; to God the Father

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. A short period of stillness follows, then the Presider offers the 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.
We hear a reading from Hebrew scripture:
A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Stillness follows.

As a meditation on the reading, the cantor chants a selection from the Psalter:

Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-24
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter.”

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the LORD’s doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

_The Deacon reads from the Gospels:_
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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. His 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
_Thanks be to God.  Stillness follows._

_In a reflection, the Homilist breaks open the Scripture._

_After a period of stillness, all join in saying the Nicene Creed:_
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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

The Prayers

The Deacon says,
On this day the Lord has acted:
let us pray for the world he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.

That all people may receive the good news of your victory,
We pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of your resurrection,
we pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.

That those who suffer pain and anguish, especially those suffering from the coronavirus, may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.
We pray especially for N., and those we now name in silence or aloud. Stillness is kept, and names of those suffering may be spoken or called to mind.

We pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.

That in your undying love we may be united with all who have died with faith in you [especially N.].
Stillness is kept, and names of those who have died may be spoken or called to mind.

We pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.

Commending this broken world, in which you rose from the dead, to your mercy, healing, and protection.
we pray to you, O Lord:
Risen Christ, hear us.
The Presider concludes, saying
God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer follows:
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.

All join in the General Thanksgiving:
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the People, using these or other words:
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you for ever. Amen.
The Deacon dismisses us, saying
Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.