

## **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12, 2020**

### **PNCC SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19**

#### **THE RESURRECTION - FROM THE PNCC LITURGY OPENING OF THE GRAVE:**

Glory to Thee, O Trinity coequal, only Deity, ere the worlds began to be, and now, and through eternity.

#### **PSALM 117**

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.  
For His merciful kindness is great t'ward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **PSALM 3**

O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me.  
Many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God.  
But Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head.  
I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy hill.  
I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.  
I am not afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about.  
Arise, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God!  
For Thou does smite all my enemies on the cheek, Thou dost break the teeth of the wicked.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord! Thy blessing be upon Thy people!  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Glory to Thee, O Trinity coequal, only Deity, ere the worlds began to be, and now, and through eternity.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
In Your resurrection, O Christ, alleluia. Let heaven and earth rejoice alleluia.

Our Father ...

#### **PRAYER:**

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory, Who fulfilled in Your resurrection all that was promised by the prophets: observing in remembrance the glory of the resurrection, we are gathered to do You homage in deepest thanksgiving. Look on us in our humility and grant that, being wiped clean from the stain of sin during the holiness of the Great Night, we will rise to new life as worthy partakers of Your death and resurrection. We ask this through You, who live and reign with the Father in unity with the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **HYMN – Come Rejoice our Lord is Risen**

Come rejoice our Lord is risen, Come sing out the proclamation.  
Come sing of His resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Lo, our Heav'nly King comes to us, As a flow'r arrayed so beauteous.  
Over death He reigns victorious, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***Through Your Holy Resurrection:***

Through Your Holy Resurrection. Christ, our Lord, Son of God,  
forgive us all our transgressions; for now You have risen from the dead;  
Life eternal has begun and death's battle You have won,  
Through Your holy strength, O Lord.

The Lord is Risen from the tomb Alleluia. Who for us has hung on the wood of the cross, Alleluia.  
In Your resurrection, O Christ, Alleluia. Let heaven and earth rejoice, Alleluia!

**PRAYER:**

Let us pray. O God, Who gladdens us each year by the feast of the Lord's resurrection, grant us  
the grace that, being risen in Christ, we would know the joy of eternal life. We ask this in the  
Name of Jesus Christ, You Son and our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me  
safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may  
my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

**ACT OF CONTRITION**

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have  
turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do  
penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your  
commandments.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How  
great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand.  
Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**THE KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the  
world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ☩ God the Father. Amen.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, You have raised Christ, Your Son, Who conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life, let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the risen Christ Who is among us. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34,37-43

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."

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 118

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.  
***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.***

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Alleluia.  
***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.***

"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." Alleluia.  
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### **SECOND READING:** 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## **SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring.  
“The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;  
bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.”  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

## **ALLELUIA VERSE: I Corinthians 5:6b-8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **THE 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **REFLECTION**

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today we rejoice for our Lord is Risen as He said. Although we cannot gather in our church buildings to celebrate this great and most important day – we the Church sing and shout out with great joy: Christ the Lord is Risen Today! As we continue to face these anxious days with the spread of the virus, sickness and death we know that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has conquered this through His Resurrection.

In rising from the dead, He is victorious over sin and death and He has shown us that way for He is the Way the Truth and Life. Jesus tells us “I am the Resurrection and the Life”! Today we know how true this is and it is in our Lord’s Resurrection that even in these times of pandemic where we find hope, solace, peace and comfort.

That Easter morn changed the world forever. For our Lord lives and is here with us, with His Church to lead and guide us on that way to life in His Kingdom where the pains, sorrows, sickness and death of this world will be washed away. Let us give thanks and praise to God for sending His Son into the world not to condemn us but that we might have life in Him.

As the Resurrection transformed the disciples from fearing for their lives to giving them in service to our Lord and needs of others. May we do the same – may the power and presence of our Crucified and Resurrected Lord transform us and allows us, by how we live as His disciples, to transform our communities and our world! (*A few moments for silent reflection*)

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,  
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and 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.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **OUR FATHER**

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. Amen.

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### **COMMUNION VERSE**

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, watch over Your Church and bring us to the glory of the Resurrection promised by this Easter Sacrament.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY**

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **REGINA CAELI - ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia

R. For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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