

Easter Day – April 17th, 2022

The Regional Ministries of Brome-Missisquoi



Prelude: The King of Love. Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

Our Announcements

The Gathering of the 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.

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy day, when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in celebration and prayer to acclaim, through our very life and being, the glory of His Resurrection.

We remember Christ's suffering and death upon the cross, but with hope and joy that death and darkness will never have the final say, but that we shall overcome, through Him who overcame death for all.

Lighting of the Easter Candle

Let us pray:

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire and inflame us with new hope. Purify our lives in this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today CP #203

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. 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!



Land Acknowledgement

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abenaki First Peoples. **May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen.**

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.

The Gloria CP #702

Refrain: Glory to God, in the highest, and peace to his people on earth!

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain.*

2. 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. *Refrain.*

3. 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. *Refrain!*

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent--its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Psalm 118

Refrain: **This is the day of the Lord. This is the day of the Lord!**

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his loving mercy never fails.
Let every child of Israel say: that his love endures for ever. (Refrain)

Victorious is the Lord's right hand: the Lord's right hand has raised me up.
I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the Lord. (Refrain)

The stone which the builders rejected: has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's own work: and it is marvellous in our eyes. (Refrain)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn #211

1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Sermon: The Rev. Tim Smart

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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 of the People – led by Cynthia Pagé

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:

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 upon us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sin, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Anthem: Run Mary, Run (Words and music by Joseph M. Martin)

Eucharistic Prayer # 1 page 193

(Musical setting CP#735 Sanctus and Benedictus)

The Lord's Prayer

Music during Communion Gymnopedie No. 1. Eric Satie 1866-1925

Prayer after Communion:

All your works praise you O, Lord/ And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring life to others.

We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose great love Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and may the blessing God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Hymn #212

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
alleluia!

2 Death's mightiest powers have done their
worst,
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
alleluia!

3 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let songs of praise his triumphs tell:
alleluia!

4 On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign,
O let us swell the joyful strain:
alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

The Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord/ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Easter Hymn (Jesus Christ is Risen Today) Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Organist: Sarah Hoblyn

Announcements

Evening Prayer on Zoom, every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. (With the same link as Sunday mornings.)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92308993751>

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm at Grace Church, Mass with the Rev. Linda Spear. Everyone is welcome.

Easter Blessings to you and your family!