



## Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria

• The 2nd Sunday of Easter • April 16, 2023 •

### Opening Hymn 180

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

In your great mercy, O God, you have given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gathers us into community, stands among us and gives us peace. Day by day, increase in us this Easter faith, and day by day add to our number, that, believing in Jesus, whom we have never seen, we may confess him as our Lord and our God. Prepare us now to joyfully share with others the pardon and peace he bestows as we confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Lord, open our lips

**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 forever. Amen.**

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

### Jubilate: Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \* I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \* upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods \* shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \* nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup; \* it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \* indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \* my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; \* because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \* my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \* nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \* in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### First Lesson Acts of the Apostles (2:14a, 22-32)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them . . . , "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this,

David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 13: A Song of Praise**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers: \* you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \* on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \* in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

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

### **Second Lesson First Letter of Peter (1:3-9)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  
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### **Canticle M: A Song of Faith 1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \* by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \* we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us \* was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, \* the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \* so that we might have faith and hope in God.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to **St. John (20:19-31)**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Here follows 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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Collects:** Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**The Sermon**  
Sermon Music

Canon Mark Hall

### **The Prayers of the People**

Let us who have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: Lord, hear us in your mercy.

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all present with us out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those having died in faith and for all the dying, that they may know the love of God who has

raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, (silence) we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the young men and women serving in foreign places and under threat of harm, that they may serve their God with dignity and joy, experiencing the new life of hope, (silence) we pray. **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all those working day and night to offer care and consolation to those suffering medical infirmities, that they may be strengthened in their faith and persevere in their souls for the glory of God, and for the recovery of those they serve. We pray. **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

Prayers for Jennifer and Julian. **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

*Celebrant concludes*

Bind us in love to those for whom we pray this day, and to one another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be praised, today and all days. **Amen.**

**Offertory:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

### **Offertory Hymn 209**

**Prayer over the gifts:** God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (EP A)**

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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.  
The people stand or kneel.**

We give thanks to you, O God, . . . .

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise . . . .

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray (*sung*):

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, is risen, alleluia! and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

### **Communion of the People**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Blessing:**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

*Greet one another in the Lord's name.*

### **Announcements**

*Thanksgiving Prayer:* We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn 208**

### **Dismissal:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go forth and bear witness to Christ, who is gloriously risen from the dead!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**