

# **The Feast of the Resurrection**

A Liturgy for Easter Sunday

Amidst a pandemic

## Introduction

My dear friends in Christ,

While we are separated due to the present pandemic, we can still worship together. While we may find that our time apart is more subdued, I hope and pray that this liturgy will help us to draw nearer to Christ.

The final section is "Spiritual Communion With Christ," while we cannot receive communion because we cannot gather as a body, we can still call on Christ, and be reminded that as faithful believers he dwells in us. I hope and pray that this time is spiritually edifying to you and your relationship with Christ is enriched.

You friend and priest,

Fr. Ian Emile Dunn

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**Easter**

888, with Alleluias

G. P. SANTE DA PALESTRINA, 1588,

adapted with Alleluias by WILLIAM H. MONE, 1861

VICTORY

*With dignity*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Org. p*

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, The vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, But Christ their  
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, He ri - ses

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph  
le - gions hath dis - persed: Let shout of ho - ly  
glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!  
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! Amen.

*Latin, pub. Cologne, 1695; Tr. FRANCIS POTT, 1861, alt.*

## The Litany or General Supplication

OGOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;

*Have mercy upon us.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

*Spare us, good Lord.*

FROM all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thy honour and glory;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air, all women in child-birth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Grant us thy peace.*

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world;

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Then shall the Minister, and the People with him, say the Lord's Prayer.*

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.

*Minister.*

OLORD, deal not with us according to our sins.

*Neither reward us according to our iniquities.*

Let us pray.

OGOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Together.*

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

*Minister.*

OGOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*Together.*

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

*Minister.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

*Graciously look upon our afflictions.*

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts.

*Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.*

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

*O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

*Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

*As we do put our trust in thee.*

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality.*

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Christ our Passover*

683 **Easter Day** Tone I, 4

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: \*'. It is numbered 683 and titled 'Easter Day'. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The text 'Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: \*' is written below the treble staff. There is a small '(a)' above the first measure of the melody. The score ends with a double bar line.

CHRIST our Passover is sacrificed | for us  
\* therefore | let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wick|edness  
\*but with the unleavened bread of sin|cerity and truth. *1 Cor. v. 7.*  
CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth | no more  
\*death hath no more do|minion over him.  
For in that he died, he died unto | sin once  
\*but in that he liveth, he | liveth unto God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed un|to sin  
\*but alive unto God through | Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom. vi. 9.*  
CHRIST is risen from | the dead  
\*and become the first|fruits of them that slept.  
For since by man | came death  
\*by man came also the resur|rection of the dead.  
For as in Adam | all die  
\*even so in Christ shall | all be made alive. *1 Cor. xv. 20.*  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son  
\*and | to the holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be  
\*world | without end. Amen.

*Priest:* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*Respond:* He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### **Ante-Communion**

*Ante-Communion is simply the first part of the communion service, through the Nicene Creed. In some Anglican churches, one of the normal Sunday services Litany and Ante-Communion. While it is far from ideal, we thought this would help people have a more festive and joy filled Easter.*

*The priest then prays:*

**The Collect.**

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

**T**HOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**The Kyrie eleison – sung**

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

*Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Response:* And with thy spirit.

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**The Collect for Easter Sunday.**

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn – First two verses before the Gospel reading, verses 3-4 following the gospel.

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Easter

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NEANDER  
*Stately*

JOACHIM NEANDER, 1680

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful-heart - ed, With glad smile and ra - diant brow:

He has burst his three days' pris - on; Let the whole wide earth re - jice:  
Lent's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; All his woes are o - ver now,

Death is con - quer'd, man is free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
And the pas - sion that he bore: Sin and pain can vex no more.

Gospel: St. John 20:1-10

*Glory be to thee, O Lord*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes.

*Praised be to thee, O Christ.*

Hymn 90, vrs. 3-4

**3** Come, with high and holy hymning,  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming  
Yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east,  
Symbol of our Easter feast.

**4** He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state;  
And a brighter Easter beam  
On our longing eyes shall stream.

*Say together:*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn – on following page

ST. KEVIN

ARTHUR SEYMOUR SULLIVAN, 1872

*With animation*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - umph - ant glad - ness;  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;  
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en;

Loosed from Pha - raph's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing

Led them with un - moistened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing. A - men.

3 Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal  
Hold thee as a mortal:  
But to-day amidst thine own  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace which evermore  
Passeth human knowing. Amen.

ST. JOHN of Damascus, 8th cent.; Tr. J. M. NEALE, 1853

Returning the Sacrament

Hymn

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Holy Communion

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PICARDY

Traditional French Melody,  
17th century

*Unison, in strict rhythm, slowly*

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard on the way,

Pon-der noth-ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless-ing in his hand  
- Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
As the Light of Light de - scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, our full hom-age to de - mand.  
He will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.  
That the powers of hell may van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
" Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high! "  
Amen.

*In harmony*  
A - men.

## Spiritual Communion with Jesus

*The priest shall say:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord be with you

*Respond:* and with thy spirit

Let us Pray

### Collect

Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon us, O Lord, I beseech thee: that he may both mercifully cleanse my heart and defend me from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Epistle (Revelation 3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

### The Gospel (St. John 15:5)

I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing

*Take a moment to think of the failures of the past week: recall any sins you have committed since your last Communion and offer them to Christ.*

*The priest shall say:* LET us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Together:* ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

### *The Declaration of Absolution, or Remission of Sins.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Act of Reception*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fulness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

*A time of quiet reflection.*

*Act of Praise and Thanksgiving*

Blessed, praised, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in Heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

*Anima Christi*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus, hear me;

Within thy wounds hide me;

Suffer me not to be separated from thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me;

In the hour of my death call me, And bid me come to thee. That with thy Saints I may praise thee For ever and ever. Amen.

**The Gloria – sung**

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only

art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The blessing*

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

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**Easter**

77. 77, with Alleluias

EASTER HYMN

Altered, 1749, from  
*Lyra Davidica*, 1708

*Stately*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day,  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;  
Who did once up - on the cross,  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia! A - men.  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing.

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

*Latin, 14th cent.; Tr. TATE and BRADY, 1698;  
St. 4, CHARLES WESLEY*