

# Parish of Mississippi Lake

Christ Church Ashton, St John's Innisville,  
St James Franktown, and St James Carleton Place,  
with St Bede's Nolan's Corners

Sunday, April 12th, 2020  
Easter Sunday



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## **Prelude**

*We gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.  
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

# **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.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on this Easter Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**CP#203**

**Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!**

**Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!**

**Who did once upon the cross, alleluia!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!**

**Unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!**

**sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**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!**

Collect of the Day

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death:  
fill your church with faith and hope,  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way of life stands before us;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

(Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.)

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever!**

Let Israel now proclaim, "**His mercy endures forever.**"

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; **the 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.**

Second Reading: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians

So if 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 is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia No.1 vs.1,2

CP 405

Refrain:

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation.**

Refrain

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen.**

Refrain

Gospel: John 20:1-18

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn: Alleluia No. 1 vs. 3,4**

**CP 405**

**We have been crucified with Christ: now we shall live for ever.**

Refrain.

**Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

Refrain.

Sermon

## Musical Meditation

### The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

### Prayers of the People

Rejoicing in the wonder of new life in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all of God's creation, by responding to "God of life" with "Hear our prayer."

For the Church, that built on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, we may be witnesses of the hope revealed through his death and resurrection. God of Life... **Hear our prayer.**

For creation, that rocks and valleys, trees and plants, and all living things, may reflect your steadfast love. God of life... **Hear our prayer.**

For the world, that nations bound by the destructive forces of violence, injustice, and poverty, may be opened to the peace, freedom, and richness that comes from you alone. God of life... **Hear our prayer.**

For the terrified, and those consumed by the mysteries and sufferings of this world, that they may receive consolation from the body of Christ. God of life... **Hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, that this festival day awaken us to the wonder of living, and send us out to those whose celebrating may be diminished by loneliness, illness, or grief. God of life... **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Those who are ill or isolated; Medical and Lab Personnel; Businesses who have temporarily shut down or reduced their services; Workers who continue to go to work so that we may have groceries and supplies. God of life..... **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith, and for those who still journey on earth, that buried with Christ in baptism, we may rise to sing the unending victory song. God of life... **Hear our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, and the prayers of our hearts, O God, for the sake of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### The Peace

God of peace, let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Forgive us all that is past, keep us from being content with things as they are, and guide us to know that from your peace there comes a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

**Amen.** Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989.

We are the body of Christ;  
in the one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us the pursue all that makes for peace,  
and builds up our common life.



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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ taught us, let us pray,  
**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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace,  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn      **Now the Green Blade Rises CP #237**

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;**

**love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

## **Postlude**

*Coffee Hour continues after the service,  
in the Facebook comments--join us  
as we gather together as a community!*

*When we're done, perhaps call a parishioner  
or friend to see how they are doing, too.*

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