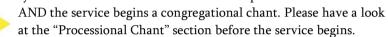
Congregation of Mark the Evangelist 4 April 2021 Easter B [Job Series]

Preparing for Worship Today

- Congregational responses are printed in *bold italics*.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!
- Today's service includes a re-affirmation of baptism



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A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Prelude JS Bach, Christ ist erstanden

Processional Chant: Jubilate Deo

After the cantor (Craig) sings through once, join in! "Jubilate Deo" is pronounced "You-bee-lah-tay D-ay-oh"

The chant is a round, repeating every four beats; these points are underlined below – feel free to chime in with a new thread whenever!

We sing this until the "Amen" is introduced and repeated – tone in with the Amens until they are brought to a close.

Ju-bi-<u>la</u>-té Dé-o! <u>Ju</u>-bi-la-té <u>D</u>-éo: <u>A</u>-llé-lu-ia

("Jubilate Deo" is Latin, and means "Rejoice in the Lord".)

These words and music are attributed to Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

Prayer of invocation

Hymn 360 Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky (vv1-4, 8)

- 1. Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victory; alleluia, alleluia! the glad earth shouts her triumph high and groaning hell makes wild reply: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. while our Lord Christ, the mighty king, despoiling death of all its sting and trampling down the powers of night brings forth his ransomed souls to light.
- 3. His tomb of late the threefold guard of watch and stone and seal had barred; but now in power and triumph high he comes from death to victory.
- 4. The pains of hell are loosed at last; the days of mourning now are past; an angel robed in light has said, "The Lord has risen from the dead!"
- 8. Jesus, the king of gentleness, come now yourself our hearts possess, that we may give you all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.

Anon., Latin c,7th cent. tr.John Mason Neale 1818-66 alt. Public Domain

With the Children

The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching

The Testimony of Scripture

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: *and a light to our path.*

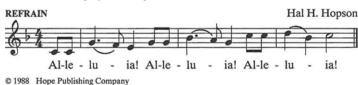
Job 38.1-18 Declare, if you know all this

Psalm 118 The stone the builders rejected

PCS 118



We stand for the gospel reading



Cantor:

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

Refrain

Mark 16.1-8 They fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them

This is the gospel of the Lord Sung: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The text of the sermon will normally be available after worship and online

The Preaching of the Word

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

(The congregation stands)

Sisters and brothers, in our baptism, we died and were buried with Christ, so that we might rise with him to new life.

We were initiated into Christ's holy church and brought to life through water and the Spirit.

God's mighty acts of salvation for us and for all people are gracious gifts, freely given.

As we reaffirm our baptism, we declare our common allegiance to Christ and seek to be obedient to his will.

And so I ask you now:

Do you turn to Christ? *I turn to Christ.*

"To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended. What did God intend? He intended that human beings should grow into such love for him and such confidence in him that they could rightly be called God's sons and daughters. Human beings have let go of that identity, abandoned it, forgotten it or corrupted it. And when Jesus arrives on the scene he restores humanity to where it

should be."

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Do you repent of your sins? *I repent of my sins.*

Do you renounce evil and the false values of this world? *I renounce them.*

And now I ask you to confess the faith into which you were baptised, and in which you continue to live and grow:

Do you believe in God, who made you and loves you? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Lord?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, and the continuing work of our salvation?

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. This is the faith of God's baptised people.

We are not ashamed to confess it in Christ our Lord.

(Water is poured into the font.)

Come Lord Jesus,

refresh the lives of your faithful people.

(The people are sprinkled with water.)

(During the music those who wish to are invited to come to the font and, using the water, receive the sign of the cross on yourself, and then impose it on the next person with the words, I/You belong to Christ.)

Declaration of Forgiveness



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The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Visible Word: Fucharist

LITBITS: ... when the risen Christ eats with his disciples it is not just a way of proving he is 'really there'; it is a way of saying that what Jesus did in creating a new community during his earthly life, he is doing now with the apostles in his *risen* life. We who are brought into the company of the apostles in our baptism – which, remember, brings us to where Jesus is to be found – share that 'apostolic' moment when we gather to eat and drink in Jesus' presence. And that is why, throughout the centuries since, Christians have been able to say exactly what the apostles say: they are the people with whom Jesus ate and drank after he was raised from the dead. Holy Communion makes no sense at all if you do not believe in the resurrection.

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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! Hosanna in the highest!

(The prayer continues...)

...Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(The prayer continues...)

Then shall we join together in praise:

(Sung:) Blessing and honour, glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

(The people sit)

The Breaking of the Bread

(Sung:) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. [TIS 390]

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The Communion

The Prayers of the People

...Risen God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Notices

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 370 Christ the Lord is risen today

...love's redeeming work is done...

1. Christ the Lord is risen today:

Hallelujah!

Let the whole creation say:

Hallelujah!

Raise your joys and triumphs high:

Hallelujah!

Sing now, heaven, and earth reply:

Hallelujah!

- 2. Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won; vain the stone, the watch, the seal: Christ has burst the gates of hell.
- 3. Lives again our glorious king; where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise: ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

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Word of Mission and Blessing

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. May Christ's rising lift your spirits and gladden your hearts.

Alleluia! Amen.

All those who believe in Christ will never perish.

May you pass with Christ from death to life.

Alleluia! Amen.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for us. May his resurrection bring you all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope.

Alleluia! Amen.

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude JS Bach, Ach Herr, lass dein lieb Engelein

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