

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
April 17, 2022  
Easter Day**



**“The Resurrection of Christ”**

The Resurrection of Christ, also called The Kinnaird Resurrection (after a former owner of the painting, Lord Kinnaird), is an oil painting on wood by the Italian High Renaissance master Raphael. The work is one of the earliest known paintings by the artist, executed between 1499 and 1502.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

**CP 318 Rejoice today with One Accord**

1 Rejoice today with one accord,  
sing out with exultation;  
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,  
whose arm hath brought salvation.  
His works of love proclaim  
the greatness of his name;  
for he is God alone,  
who hath his mercy shown:  
let all his saints adore him!

2 When in distress to him we cried  
he heard our sad complaining;  
O trust in him, what'er betide,  
his love is all-sustaining.  
Triumphant songs of praise  
to him our hearts shall raise:  
now every voice shall say,  
"O praise our God alway";  
let all his saints adore him!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 *Refrain:* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

118:15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

118:17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### A Reading from Isaiah 65:17-25

65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

65:18 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.

65:19 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.

65:20 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.

65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

65:22 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.

65:23 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.

65:24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

65:25 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

1 Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
tell it out with joyful voice;  
Christ has burst his three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

3 Christ is risen, Christ 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.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.

### A Reading from 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

15:19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

15:21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

15:22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

15:24 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.

15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CP 234 Life Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary

1 Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary --  
 Christ has risen from the tomb;  
 on the cross a suffering victim,  
 now as victor he is come.  
 Whom your tears in death were mourning,  
 welcome with your smiles returning.  
 Let your alleluias rise!

3 Life is yours for ever, Mary --  
 for your light is come once more  
 and the strength of death is broken;  
 now your songs of joy outpour.  
 Ended now the night of sorrow,  
 love has brought the blessed morrow.  
 Let your alleluias rise.

2 Raise your weary eyelids, Mary --  
 see him living evermore;  
 see his countenance so gracious,  
 see the wounds for you he bore.  
 All the glory of the morning  
 pales before those wounds redeeming.  
 Let your alleluias rise!

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to book  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 20:1-18

20:1 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.

20:2 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."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 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.

20:13 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."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 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."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 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.'"

20:18 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.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

### CCLI 4108797 Resurrection Hymn

1 See what a morning gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce Christ is risen  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love  
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives  
Christ is risen from the dead

2 See Mary weeping where is He laid  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking calling her name  
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again  
The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

3 One with the Father Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honour and blessing glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority  
And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Affirmation of Faith (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.  
 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 compiled and led by Lesley Lambert

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen! As we gather in the presence of our Risen Lord, may we make our humble intercessions to You in the sure and joyous knowledge that today and every day we walk through this world towards eternity. Grant us the desire and the courage to use our time here to have the courage to recognize the worth and dignity of all Your creation, to lend a voice to the voiceless, to speak up when we see injustice and lack of compassion. May we provide a safe space of love without judgment and welcome without prejudice. Help us to be your footsteps walking alongside them and your hands giving them food shelter and contact whilst we listen with ears made truly open.

We pray for those who suffer addictions and those who are afflicted in mind, body or spirit today as we offer prayer also for those who support them in the home, the hospital or the continuing care. Today we offer prayers most particularly for those known to You alone and those known to us: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois Ward, Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Lois Davis, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill, Maxine, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, Shirley and Cyril, Mark and Blake, Danny and Jane and Lisa. May they feel the comfort of your presence now and always.

We pray this morning for the people of Ukraine who are suffering unimaginable deprivation, destruction and loss of life from the invasion of their country. We hold up to you every adult and every child for Your protection and all those who have perished while living in, fleeing from or trying to defend their country. We ask you most earnestly to transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and guide with wisdom the path of the world's leaders who seek an end to violence.

The world has such great need of your presence just now and we pray for the work of your holy church throughout the world: The Church of Pakistan; the Peace of Jerusalem; The Diocese of Huron, Rev. Todd Townsend, Bishop; the Diocese of Edmonton and its Bishop, Steven; St. Stephen the Martyr and its interim ministry, Brian Malone sub-deacon. We also pray for the Buye Diocese, Bigombo Parish, Simeon Ntirandekura, Rector, and the Cold Lake First Nations.

We are so grateful for our parish home of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison. It is wonderful that we are able to gradually and safely open our doors and see old friends as well as welcome new friends. Let us pray for our Safe Space Committee of Heather, Alison, Derek, Barry, Elizabeth and Ollie who are working to ensure that welcome is the best it can be for every individual who enters our doors.

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Ray Hayden, Rev. John Rushton and Earl and your comfort to those who mourn, and we also pray for all those we have loved whom we see no longer, their earthly journeys completed. We look forward to joyful reunion with them in the future, a reunion made possible by the death and glorious resurrection of your most beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Amen.

### Collect

Lord of life and power,  
 through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
 you have overcome the old order of sin and death  
 and have made all things new in him.  
 May we, being dead to sin  
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
 reign with him in glory,  
 who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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.**

## CP 230 The Tomb in Empty, Come and See

1 The tomb is empty! Come and see  
where once the body lay.  
Can it be true that Jesus Christ  
is raised to life today?

3 The tomb is empty! Come and touch  
the stone and folded shroud.  
Christ lives indeed.  
Alleluia! Believers shout aloud!

2 The tomb is empty! Come and hear  
these words of life and peace:  
"He is not here. He lives again  
in all your Galilees."

4 The tomb is empty! Come and meet  
The risen Christ our Lord  
in whom we have our victory,  
in whom is life restored.

## The Dismissal

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

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

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working  
in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and  
ever, Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**