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THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!

Christ est Ressuscité! – En Vérité, Il est Ressuscité!

Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrhaft auferstanden!

Helisituosi fuhuole! – Qeshi fuhuole!

Kë-rë-tho ee rɔ-t jɔ-t (në thou-yic)! A-le-lu-ya

Ee rɔ-t jɔ-t në-jik! A-le-lu-ya

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)

Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd. Paula Foster

Greeters: children Server: Joshua Ortman

Lector: children

NURSERY for children up to 3 years. The children worship and serve in church today.

GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years.

FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS!

THE OFFERING PLATE and THE PRAYER FOLDER (for you to add the names of travelers, those in special need, and departed loved ones for inclusion in the prayers today), are located on the "loaves and fishes" offering table with the bread and wine. All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are invited to come forward with faith and love towards Christ and His Church to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and indicate this by crossing your arms.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Who Is There on This Easter Morning

French traditional melody

Arranged by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 203 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The Service of Holy Communion *begins on page 67*

The Lord's Prayer (Priest)

COLLECT for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be 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.

SUMMARY of the LAW - page 69

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT of the Day

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 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 Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

Reader: Ely Der

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. **R./ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL PSALM: 118:22-25**Reader: Heather Schemenauer**

THE same stone which the builders refused / is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the LORD's doing, / and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made; / we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help us now, O LORD: / O LORD, send us now prosperity.

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-11**Reader: Lucy Der**

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 405 Alleluia No. 1**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-10**

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

20 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. 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.' 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

R. / Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

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 the 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; Through 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, The 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, Holy, 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.

THE SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, BIDDINGS, INTERCESSION – pages 75-76

Lord in your mercy

R./ Hear our prayer.

GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION, COMFORTABLE WORDS - pages 77-78

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION – pages 78

THE Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying: (*sing*)

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER of CONSECRATION and BREAKING of BREAD – pages 82-83

R./Amen, Amen, Amen

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymns: # 229 Who Is There on This Easter Morning

222 All Shall Be Well

**Children's Song after Communion: Hymn of Promise
(In the bulb there is a flower)**

**1. In the bulb there is a flower,
in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**2. There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning,
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing,
in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection,
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

PRAYER: Our Father...

THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

... And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORY be to God on high, and in 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, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin 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.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: # 212 Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude in F Major Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PARISH LIFE NOTES

WE WARMLY WELCOME BISHOP HELEN next Sunday, April 12. She will be presiding at the Confirmation and Baptism. Please join us for coffee and cake after the service.

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE AND PARISH

Gracious, loving God, we pray for the people, clergy and bishops of the Church who are involved in our search for a new rector. Open our hearts to hear your Word that our lives and labours may proclaim your love for all people. Bless us with your Holy Spirit that we may not fear the challenges and changes that lie before us. Please grant that we remain faithful to this journey through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

2ND ANNUAL HOMESCHOOL USED CURRICULUM SALE April 18th, 2:00-4:00pm Not just for homeschoolers! Bring a bag and browse the great deals on books and educational resources. There will be a cafe run by students from St. Mary's with proceeds going toward the maintenance of our historic building. Talk to Katie if you are a musician who is available to provide some background music for our cafe.

WE WILL BE HOSTING A FAREWELL LUNCH for both Yvonne, our admin assistant, and Rev. Paula, our interim priest, after the service on April 26. We are collecting a cash purse for each of them to present along with a small gift on that day. If you wish to contribute, pls forward your contribution to the office by cash, by cheque, or by e-transfer to accounting@stmarysregina.ca. Please mark your contribution "Paula" and/or "Yvonne". **Contributions must be received by April 12.**

SMART TILLING – COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

The Chairperson of "**Grow Regina Community Gardens**" needs confirmation by **April 25** if we plan to offer the **tilling service** again this year. Last year we did not offer the service, and the chairperson needs to know if we would like to **continue working with the community garden program**. In the past, this has proven to be a **wonderful community outreach and fundraiser for St. Mary's**. Normally, **tilling begins around the May long weekend**. Several of our parishioners—**men and women**—are already **trained and familiar with the rototilling process**, but we are currently **looking for a coordinator** to organize the program this spring. **If you are interested in coordinating this spring tilling program, please advise Kate or Mike.** Thank you for helping St. Mary's continue this meaningful service to our community.

COFFEE HOST MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Yvonne and Christian Schmidt are retiring from the first Sunday of each month Coffee preparation, serving and clean-up. We thank them for their faithful service!

Eileen Barrie (co-ordinator) is looking for two volunteers to fill this vacancy.

On the first Sunday of each month, the Coffee Hosts' duties are to:

- Arrive at 10:00 a.m. before the Morning Service. (The tables and chairs are usually set up by secret angels.)
- Prepare the beverages (coffee, tea, cream, milk, sugar, boiled water, juice, powdered mixes).
- Cover the tables with green plastic tablecloths.
- Make up plates of cookies.
- Turn on the dishwasher.

After the Morning Service, host the serving of beverages.

After the social time:

- Clean the tables
- Run the dishwasher
- Put away mugs and glasses
- Tidy the kitchen
- Take home the dish towel to launder and return

We have a list of spare trained volunteers available if you are unable to serve on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Eileen Barrie if you can help with this important and enjoyable ministry. *“We do this because Jesus loves us and we love Him.”* (Quoted from The Rev. Gene Packman's sermon)

PARISH LUNCHESES – COORDINATOR NEEDED For several years, Lorna Cross has faithfully organized our Sunday parish lunches. We thank God for her ministry as she now steps back from this role. Going forward, instead of one person overseeing all lunches, we will ask for a coordinator for each event. Coordinating includes inviting the parish to bring food, scheduling set-up and clean-up volunteers, and ordering/picking up a cake, if it is a celebration lunch. **Our next lunch is April 26. If you can coordinate this lunch, please speak to Kate or Mike.**