

Guardian Angels Catholic Community

Easter Sunrise Mass April 16, 2017

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Acts 10:34a, 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6b - 8; Matthew 28:1-10

(everyone joins in with the text in **BOLD**)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY Robert Williams

**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!
Sinners 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!**

**Sing we to our God above, alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. alleluia!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

"The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly swirling veils of white like a small pearl in a thick sea of black mystery." (Edgar Mitchell, U.S. astronaut)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

(Hildegard of Bingen, Christian mystic)

"O moving force of Wisdom, you encircle the wheel of the cosmos, you encompass all that is, all that has life, in one vast circle." (Hildegard)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

"It could be that God has not absconded but spread, as our vision and understanding of the universe have spread, to a fabric of spirit and sense so grand and subtle, powerful in a new way that we can only feel blindly of its hem."

(Annie Dillard)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

"Stardust is not just fairy-tale magic; it is what we are really made of. . . ." (Elisabeth Sahtouris, ecofeminist)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

"Great Spirit, give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is! All over the earth the faces of living things are all alike. This is my prayer; hear me!"

(Black Elk, Oglala Sioux)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

"There is not anything new to be born. It has been within you from the beginningless beginning. It has only to be awakened, to become aware of itself in you." (Zen aphorism)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

"...for in God we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17: 28)

"All creation is a song of praise to God."

GREETING

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

The grace and peace of the Living God: Creator;
Jesus, and Spirit, is with each of you! **And also with you!**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES:

Dear friends, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promise we made in baptism. And so I ask you: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **WE DO!**

GLORIA (sung and sprinkling rite)

Gloria, glory! Gloria, glory! Gloria, Excelsis Deo, Deo!

VS 1 **Sing to the Lord a new song.**

You are Lord God almighty, King of all love.

**Almighty God our Creator, we give you glory,
we praise your name.**

VS 2 **Jesus Christ. Lord Most High. Son of God.**

**Lamb of God. You who take away our sin
and sit at God's right hand.**

VS 3 **You alone are holy. You alone are Lord.**

**God most high with the Spirit, the glory of God,
Lord Most High!**

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One,

we come this morning,

like the women on the first Easter morning

prepared to sweep up after death

and to bring as much dignity as we can to the task --

a bruised and broken body,

emblem of the world, our planet, our dreams,

and the triumph of ignorance and violence.

Then word comes to us of an empty tomb,

of strange men, brighter than the morning sun,

announcing a new beginning,

a plan B,

a new creation --

and that you, O Easter God, are doing a new thing.

We hear word that Christ has gone on ahead of us,
and now beckons us from the rubble and ruin of our lives,
to put away our oils and ointments,
and to let the dead bury the dead.

**We hear word of a future,
a future that we are called to create with you.
Christ is risen?**

Yes, Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN

by Bruce Sanguin, found in [If Darwin Prayed: Prayers for Evolutionary Mystics](#)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad;
for this is the day that the Lord has made;
alleluia, alleluia.**

2nd Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give the glory and the honor to the Lord!

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

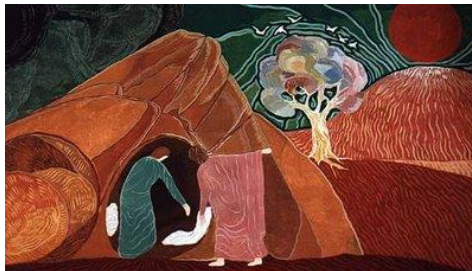
A reading from the holy + Gospel according to.....

Glory to you, Lord.

The Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you Jesus Christ!

HOMILY



PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the power of life, love and being that flows through the universe.

We believe in Jesus, who revealed the good news of our connectedness with God and with all people, who was compassionate and stood up for justice, even if this meant losing his life, who gave people an experience of God by demonstrating this power of life, love and being.

Through his words and example, we believe that we too have this power and the capacity to give people an experience of God by living life fully, loving with our whole heart, and striving to be all we can be.

We believe in the communion of saints, who are a people walking together, engaged in the search for meaning and the quest to be connected with the Source and Sustainer of all that exists.





PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

My friends, on this day that we celebrate Jesus risen from the dead, let us pray for new life.

*For new life for the church: where there is weariness, apathy and indifference, may there be energy, passion and inspiration, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For new life for the nations: where there is war, enmity and greed, may there be peace, dialogue and generosity, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For new life for our country: where there is discord, injustice and despair, may there be cooperation, fairness and hope, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For new life for those who are suffering: where there is pain, loneliness and fear, may there be relief, companionship and trust, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*For new life for those gathered here, united as one in the love of the risen Christ may we work to make the gospel present to the world, we pray: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all these spoken prayers

and for all those unspoken in our hearts, we pray:

God of life, hear our prayers for new life for our church, our world, our families and for all who are in need.

We pray in Jesus' name,

who is our risen Lord forever and ever. AMEN

Preparation Song: Make Us a Eucharistic People

Music adapted from Pachelbel's Canon in D Words:

Julie & Tim Smith 1989 Troubadour Productions

Make us a eucharistic people, in everything we are.

Make us an everlasting gift, with grateful hearts we lift, a song of our thanksgiving. Amen

Make us a Kingdom-seeking people

Make us a Gospel-living people

Make us a resurrection people . . .



SIGN OF PEACE

Jesus you said to your friends, I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Grant that all of God's children may enjoy the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever. **AMEN**

The peace of Jesus is with each of you!

And also with you! Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Presider lifts paten with bread into hands and says:)

We break this bread for those who journey the way of the Hindus, for those who follow the path of Buddha, for all Native peoples, for our sisters and brothers of Islam, for the Jewish people from whom we come, for Christians everywhere and for all those who walk the way of faith.

Blessed be God forever!

(Wine and water are poured into the chalice. Presider says:)

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

(Presider takes chalice and says:)

We break this bread and drink this cup for the earth we have wasted, for those who have no bread and for ourselves in our brokenness.

Blessed be God forever!

Christ lived and died for love.

Let us remember him with this feast.

**All who seek God and are drawn to Christ
Are welcome at God's table.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of Light,

accept the prayers and offerings of your people.

With your help may this Easter mystery bring to

perfection the saving work you have begun in us. AMEN

May our God be with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts! **Yes! We lift them up to our God!**
Let us give thanks to our God!
Yes! We give praise and thanks to God!

We praise God at all times and in all places,
But especially now at Easter,
The center of the year, and the center of our faith.

For Jesus, the Christ, is alive.
Executed as a criminal, on a cross,
He comes to his friends and speaks to them.

**The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the cornerstone.**

Christ lives, then and now,
His life means life for the earth, and for the cosmos.

Christ is before all time, throughout all time,
and beyond all time,
God in our flesh, God with us, God for us.

In baptism we enter the tomb with him
And are reborn to a life in Christ that does not die.

Therefore, with all that lives and all that is,
We acclaim together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy God,
Infinite, surrounding all, within all, Hosanna!
Blessed is the Christ,
the One who shows God's Presence, Hosanna!**

Spirit of Life, Spirit of Wisdom,
Be with us gathered here and bless + this bread and wine.
For you know all, embrace all,
And make holy even the plainest things, the simplest food.

For we know now what we did not know before.

Jesus' friends gathered for a meal.
They prepared the foods and reclined at table.
And as they were eating, he shocked them.
He took bread in his hands, broke it,
and gave it to them saying, "This is my Body"

"This is my Body"

“Do this to remember me.”

Pause in silence.

When supper was ended, he took the cup.
He said, “This is the cup of my Blood,”

“The blood of the new Covenant.”

“Drink from it, all of you. Do this in memory of me.”

Pause in silence.

**For we know now what we could not know before:
Christ has died, Christ has risen,
And Christ lives among us, now and forever.**

We know now, by your grace and wisdom, O God.
We cannot comprehend you, vast and deep,
infinite and unsearchable. But we thank you that you reach us
through our bodies, our senses, our memory.
And you reach and touch not only us, most holy God.
We celebrate here in the line of our ancestors in faith.
The family of Jesus the Christ and his friends.

The earliest Christians, who risked their lives to teach his truths.
The untold generations of those who felt his living presence.
Those persons who guide us in faith, in word and act, in our time,

**Thanks to all of these holy ones,
we know now what we did not know before.**

The next generations whose lives will be shaped
by our own words and acts, and the succeeding generations
who will unfold your presence in their midst.

We pray for them, and with them.
For those who have died, now live with you,
And those still among us are your family.

We pray for the life of our planet,
from which we received these simple gifts,
And the cosmos, web of life for all creatures, known and unknown.

**Protect all life from evil.
Heal the effects of sin, violence and greed.**

In Christ, the sacrament of your presence with us,
You call us to be the presence of Christ.

There is no division, no oppression, no shame,
For all who are of Christ are one in Christ.

For your holiness is too great for us to know.

Yet we praise you with all that we are,

For this is your gift;

We praise you through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

For he is your gift;

We praise you by the strength of the Holy Spirit,

Spirit of Wisdom,

For she is your gift;

We praise you as one through all time and all space,

For all is yours, and we are yours.

AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. AMEN. repeat (sung)

Let us join hands

and pray what Jesus has taught us to pray (chanted):

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 the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

Now and forever.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have

mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the

world, have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away

the sin of the world, grant us peace.

(Presider breaks a small piece of host & drops it into chalice saying:)

May this mingling of the holy body and blood of Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

**Jesus, with faith in your love and mercy we receive this
Eucharist. Let it bring us health in mind, body and spirit.**

This is Jesus the Christ who taught us how to live.

Happy are we who are called to his supper.

**May we receive this gift in purity of heart.
May it bring us healing and strength now and forever.**

Our scriptures say that God shows no partiality, that anyone who fears God, and that does not mean to be afraid of God, but anyone who respects and honors God, and anyone who does what is right, anyone who does what is just and good and compassionate shares in the life of the risen Christ. "In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal 3:28) We encourage you to take your place at this holy table, for we understand and acknowledge that this is Christ's table and that this sacred meal is Christ's supper. We are all invited guests. No one is excluded. All are welcomed here!

The gifts of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Song 1:

God Has Smiled w/ Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Communion Song 2:

I Myself Am the Bread of Life Rory Cooney 1987 NALR

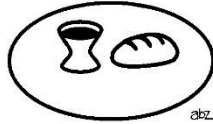
Refrain: **I myself am the bread of life.**

**You and I are the bread of life,
Taken and blest, broken and shared by Christ,
That the world might live.**

**This bread is spirit, gift of the Maker's love,
And we who share it know that we can be one:
A living sign of God in Christ. Refrain**

**Here is God's kingdom given to us as food.
This is our body, this is our blood:
A living sign of God in Christ. Refrain**

**Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,
Become a banquet, a shelter for the world:
A living sign of God in Christ. Refrain**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of Holy Adventure,
like the disciples after that first Easter,
we journey to Galilee seeking Christ
in our learning and serving.
We don't fully know where the adventure will lead us.
But we do know that your love and inspiration
never end.
Inspire us to live by your adventurous vision,
as co-creators in the transformation of the world.
Awaken us to new possibilities waiting to be imagined.
Give us courage when the way is uncertain.
And open hearts, so that we might bring beauty,
healing and love to those who journey beside us,
and to this good earth. In the name of the risen Christ,
who always goes before us, **AMEN.****

an adaptation from a prayer in Holy Adventure, by Bruce Epperly.

FINAL BLESSING

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
May the God of Holy Adventure bless you today and always...
the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

DISMISSAL

God's love like our mass **never ends, it must be lived.**
So let us go forth to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! ALLELUIA!

What a Wonderful World! with **Mario and Carlos!!!**

Joy to the World Three Dog Night

Jeremiah was a Prophet

Was a good friend of mine

I never understood a single word he said

But I helped him a-drink his wine

And he always had some mighty fine wine Singin'...

Refrain **Joy to the world**

All the boys and girls now

Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea

Joy to you and me (repeat)



If Jesus were the King of the world

I tell you what he'd do

He'd throw away the cars and the bars and the wars

Bring sweet love to you

Sing it now... Refrain



Day by Day Stephen Schwartz

Day by day....Oh Dear Lord....Three things I pray

To see thee more clearly....Love thee more dearly....

Follow thee more nearly.....Day by day



**Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front
(Practice Resurrection)** *by Wendell Berry*

Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.

And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.

So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.

Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered he has not destroyed.

Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.

Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.

Listen to carrion — put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering
of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.

So long as women do not go cheap
for power, please women more than men.
Ask yourself: Will this satisfy
a woman satisfied to bear a child?
Will this disturb the sleep
of a woman near to giving birth?
Go with your love to the fields.
Lie easy in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap.

Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection.

"Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" from *The Country of Marriage*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. 1973. Also published by Counterpoint Press in *The Selected Poems of Wendell Berry, 1999*; *The Mad Farmer Poems, 2008*; *New Collected Poems, 2012*.

Christ risen and realized

Author George Thompson tells of a Jewish rabbi's appeal to Christians during the tumultuous 1930s. On Easter Eve, the rabbi wrote in a newspaper: "I challenge the Christian world to measure itself by the standards of Christ. As long as any group is judged by its creed or color or country in place of its character, Christianity is a sacrilege rather than sanctity. To this end, **I summon Christians everywhere to make this Easter to signify Christ realized and not merely Christ risen.**"

Celtic Earth Stories:

Water from an Ancient Well

Friday, April 21, 2017, 7:00 pm

Community Christian Church

\$5 donation at the door

An evening of stories to connect heaven and earth with fertile imagination and ancient/modern folklore.

Storytellers: Liz Warren, Doug Bland,

Ken McIntosh,

Cathy Eastman,

Christie Dart.



Verdant Paths: Celtic Spirituality for the Earth

@ Community Christian Church, Saturday, April 22, 2017

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Cost: \$15

Workshop presenter, Kenneth McIntosh, author of *Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life*, and *Celtic Nature Prayers*, and *The Green Man: An Ancient Symbol for the Modern World*. He's also the General Editor for the *Celtic Bible Commentary*. He has presented retreats and seminars on Celtic Spirituality in the US and in the UK. He serves as a chaplain at NAU and pastor in Flagstaff, Arizona, and has been a vital part of the Forest Church movement. "*Kenneth McIntosh's fine book allows us to rediscover the depth and wisdom of Celtic Christianity. Read and...be refreshed.*" Father Richard Rohr

Learn about:

- Why spirituality and sustainability are inseparable
- Reading "God's First Book"—which is Nature
- Lessons from our furred and feathered friends
- The Green Man, an ancient symbol of our oneness with Nature
- Reading "God's Second Book" (the Bible) in harmony with the natural world.