



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

Organ Prelude

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Salvator mundi

John Bull

Opening Antiphon

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
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On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 228:24*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon (*Together*)

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Invitatory (*Together*)

Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Pascha nostrum

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
 therefore let us keep the feast,
 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
 death no longer has dominion over him.
 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 For since by a man came death, *
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
 For as in Adam all die, *
 so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm Appointed (Sung - *Together*)

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

13 A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine, S236

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you Father, Son, and, Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Responsory Canticle

21 You are God

Te Deum laudamus, S282

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
 Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 The glorious company of apostles praise you.
 The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
 Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
 the eternal Son of the Father.
 When you became man to set us free
 you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
 You overcame the sting of death
 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
 We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 208 vs. 1,2

Antiphon

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done,
 the victory of life is won;
 the song of triumph has begun.
 Alleluia!
- 2 The powers of death have done their worst,
 but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
 Let shout of holy joy outburst!
 Alleluia!

Antiphon

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The Gospel: John 10:11-18

All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon – The Rev. Gillian Neville Ball

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.

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages A (Book of Common Prayer, pp.97-98.)

V(erse). Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R(esponse). And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Dear People of God: This Easter season we celebrate the triumph of life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us therefore pray that we and all of creation may be renewed with life, as we respond to each petition in the words, *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the church throughout the world, especially for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, clergy in this parish, and our seminarians Adrián and Antonio, that by their ministries the gospel of new life may be proclaimed with boldness and clarity.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all members of this community of faith, that by your Spirit we may daily grow in grace, dying to sin and rising to new life throughout our journey of faith.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of the world, and especially for the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, that they would be guided in all their undertakings by a vision of the new creation, and work to bring justice and peace.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those living under the cloud of war, that the ways of tyranny, hatred, and extremism may be supplanted by your ways of cooperation and justice.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the forgiveness of our sins, that we may be renewed and strengthened to do your will in all that we undertake.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those facing trouble or adversity: the lonely and the aged, the oppressed and the forgotten, the imprisoned and the persecuted, the unemployed, the destitute, the victims of natural disasters, and all who suffer in any way from Covid 19, that the promise of Christ's presence and the hope of resurrection would bring them peace and strength.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are suffering from sickness in body, mind, or spirit, especially: Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Ned, Susie, Tammy, Jeanne, Raquel, Jeremy, Fr. Germán, Olivia, Lorraine, Humberto, Tina, Paul, Eloy, Irma, John, María Elena, Michael, Pablo, and Jim Bert, that they may find solace and comfort in the hope of the resurrection.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for all the blessings that enrich our lives, especially for all essential workers, medical staff, researchers, our choir, and the jacarandas.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our families, and friends, and for all whose lives are linked with ours, especially those who are celebrating birthdays: Marco, Roger, and Rick, that their trust in you may be strengthened and that as they begin another year they may grow in wisdom and in grace.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, especially: Loretta, Pattie, Papá Toñito, Julio, Jim, Janet, Maureen, David, Sam, Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet, that by your victory over death they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

In your mercy: *Risen Lord hear our prayer.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up ourselves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
 common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that
 when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
 midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
 granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
 everlasting. *Amen.*

Then may be said

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
 imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of
The Rev. Martha Black Jordan.**

Birthdays this week:

Marco Vinicio (25), Roger Gay (25), Rick Meyer (25), Ingrid Eelkman Rooda (26).

Please e-mail any special petitions for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:

office@christchurch.mx

When you pay your pledge or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at accountant@christchurch.mx or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

Cuando pague su promesa o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail accountant@christchurch.mx o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

Help Update Our Parish Directory

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at office@christchurch.mx(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo office@christchurch.mx o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music), and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

The church is at Montes Escandinavos 405, Col. Lomas de Chapultepec, in the Ciudad de México, Código Postal 11000, a una cuadra de Reforma, esq. con Sierra Madre. Telephone: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763

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