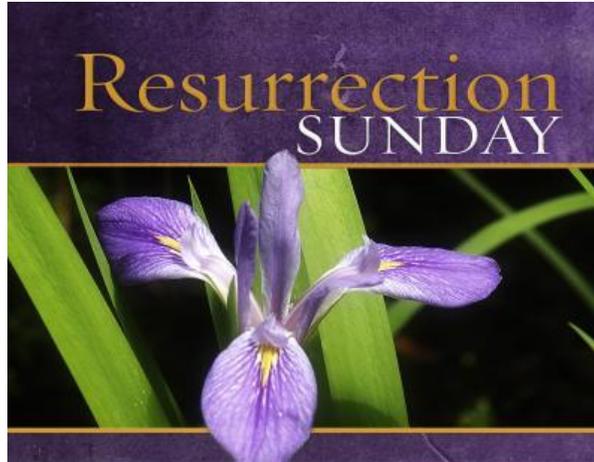


**The Sunday of the Resurrection**  
**Easter day**  
**April 4th 2021**



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**Opening**

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.**

**Sentence**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.  
*1 Corinthians 5.7–8*

**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.

**Reading**

ACTS 10:34-43 OR ISAIAH 25:6-9;

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 OR ACTS 10:34-43;

JOHN 20:1-18 OR MARK 16:1-8

This week we have 2 Reflections as we celebrate Easter Sunday – The rising of Christ

Reflection for Easter Sunday from Rev. Enrique

## **Christ is Risen.**

### **Christ is Risen Hallelujah, Hallelujah.**

Today is the Day the Lord acted. The Gospel of St. Mark tells us how the first to carry the message are women, how they were bravely at the feet of the Savior when he was crucified, despite the fact that almost all his apostles had fled, they continued without fear at the feet of the Savior crucified.

It was also the women who carried the first message that God's son had risen.

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome go out to bear witness to the resurrection, despite the fact that this news caused them terror, fright the Gospel tells us; But their love does not only allow them to pray and set an example with their virtuous life so that others may know Christ. They feel the need, essential to our Christian vocation, to do something, speak, preach, attend, help, deliver the Good News of the Resurrection, they do everything they can to make the love of Christ known to the world.

They understood that love cannot go in only one direction, but is a reciprocal delivery of both sides. They received the love of God and they felt the need to give that same love to all the disciples of Christ.

The resurrection works a real transformation in Magdalene and the other women. They no longer cry. Now they are sent by Christ through the angel, to announce the joy of his triumph: "Go and tell my brothers ..." For the first time in the Gospel, Christ calls us his brothers! The divine sonship has been realized: we are truly adopted children of God and brothers of Christ! And as such, we participate in the same mission ... We cannot keep the resurrection in the trunk of memories, but proclaim it to the four winds like Mary Magdalene and the women who were with her, so that many other men and women become convinced apostles of the Kingdom of Christ.

Let us remember that Jesus the Nazarene, the one who was crucified: they were not titles of exaltation for Jesus. Being a Nazarene was not a place to be proud of, and being crucified was a title of shame, not honor. But Jesus was not ashamed to be called a "Nazarene" and "crucified." "This description of what was shame Jesus has made it his crown of glory and it is the same that his disciples have to live while delivering the good news of the Kingdom.

- When we see that the place where they put him is now empty, we see that the Father did not forget Jesus.
- When we see that the place where they put him is now empty, we see that death was conquered.
- When we see that the place where they put him is now empty, we see that we have a living friend in Jesus.

Many times, we are used to giving, to giving, to helping, but we are seldom open to receiving.

In our churches we hear many times that we please collaborate for, that we lack funds for, that we are short of and we must do more ... today Jesus invites us to be willing to receive, that we cannot stop receiving at the same time as we are ready to give, it's like love works in two directions.

God himself was willing to receive the mistreatment and humiliation that our sins cause in order to give us the salvation we needed.

Today's Gospel invites us to live the joy of the Resurrection, remembering that the greatest expression of God's love and that this love cannot be kept. That if we truly receive that love from God, we have to give it to all the brothers who hope to see the Risen Christ.

**Hallelujah Christ our Lord is risen.**



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This Easter morning is different to those of my recent experience. It doesn't feel like Easter. I'm stuck inside, as are you, and we aren't able to meet and celebrate as we ought to. This Easter, though, there's one thing that has been some comfort to me, and I hope it will for you too.

Easter morning has always been, and is meant to be, dissonant. Easter is at odds with the world around it. It's joyful, but strange in its joy. This morning, Christians are meant to overflow with gladness, to beam with the joy of resurrection, to celebrate Christ's victory over death, and to embrace the certainty of their eternal hope. Easter is the end of death's tyranny and the beginning of something new; new life, a bright and shining light in the darkness. And all of these things are bound up in the phrase, "he is risen, alleluia." This sentiment has always been dissonant with the visible realities of want and death. That is the heart of the Christian message. "He is risen" is light in darkness.

The light of Christ and the joy of the resurrection are worth celebrating because they are so at odds with normalcy and expectation. The message of Easter is such good news because it stands so drastically apart. The more foolish Easter celebration seems—the more going on around us—the more poignant its message. Death no longer enjoys an eternal hold on humanity. Through Christ, we have realized the promise of eternal life.

That's what Easter is, and how it began. But for the earliest Christians, life was dangerous. Death loomed around every corner. The same Roman soldiers who nailed Jesus on a cross wandered their city streets and held them in their violent grip.

And it's this world, populated and possessed by the agents of fear, and by death's friends, that the Apostle Paul defied when he asked "Death, where is your sting, grave where is your victory?"

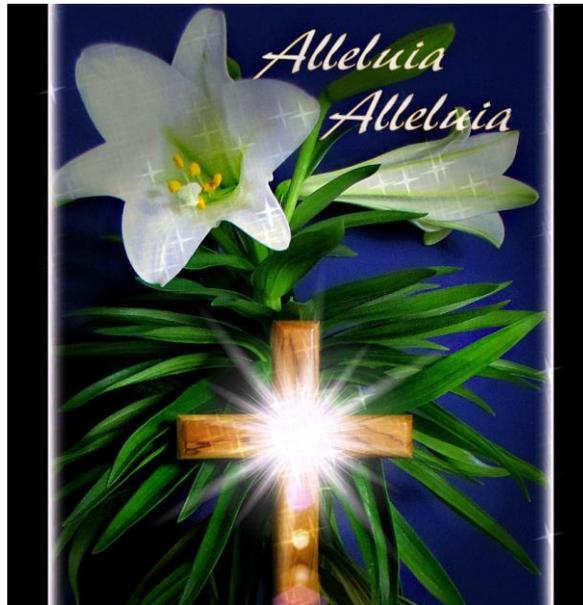
Because Jesus had died and been buried, but rose alive from this grave. "He is risen" is the heart of our faith. "He is risen" is the light that outshines the darkness. "He is risen" is the joyful message that drives away every fear.

I would love to be able to stand with you in church this morning. I would love to celebrate with bread and wine, the shared gift of life and love. I would love to revel in the gift of the Spirit that binds Christ's gathered church. I'd love to sing in our alleluias, and repeat them freely. I'd love to celebrate the risen body of Christ with you, the body of Christ. But today looks a little different to other easters. If you're reading this reflection, it means you're probably at home, probably not gathered with other Christians, probably not able to join in the chorus and reply, "He is risen, he is risen in deed, alleluia." And so, for you, this year, the joy of easter will be particularly dissonant with the day. In some ways, we are missing out on something good. In other ways, though, this year gives us a much clearer image of the joy of Easter. It is not the kind of joy that only flows when all else is well. It is the joy of the freed, the dissonant joy of light in the darkness, the joy that says "death where is your sting," the joy that arises when the current darkness has been pierced by a brightening light, because death has met its end in Christ's resurrection, and because there is a day coming when all death will be swallowed up in life.

And so, I invite you to join in the chorus of easter. I invite you to witness the joy of resurrection, to join your voices to those of the saints of easters long passed, to the voices of the apostles who witnessed resurrection, to the voices of the prophets who prepared Jesus' way, and to the voice of Mary Magdalene who was the first to hear the best news in the garden of an empty tomb. He is risen, alleluia.

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**Prayers of the People for Easter Sunday 2021 – from Dorothy Koorn - [simcoecleanair@gmail.com](mailto:simcoecleanair@gmail.com)**

Mainly from BAS.

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."

- *Martin Luther*

*Therefore, let us greet Him this day with, "Halleluiah! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Halleluiah*

*In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of Glory."*

*That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of His holy and life-giving resurrection, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That He may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That He may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That by His power wars, famine, and pandemic may cease through all the earth, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That He may reveal the light of His presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, Let us pray to the Lord.*

*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

*That He may send the fire of His Holy Spirit upon His people, that we may bear faithful witness to His resurrection, Let us pray to the Lord.*



*Hear us, Lord of glory!*

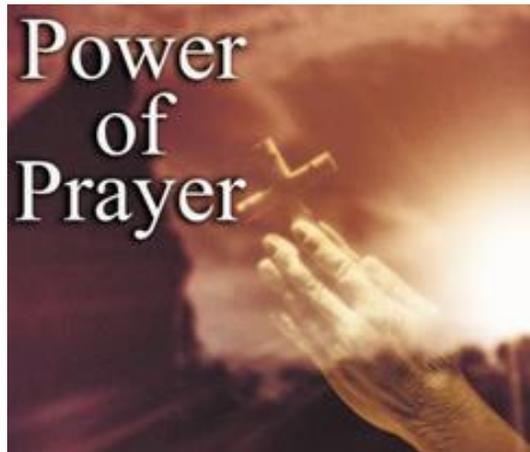
We pray for: - Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday April 4, 2021, we will be praying for the **Rev. Paul Silcox**, the **Rev. David Hyatt** and the people of **Grace Church, Brantford**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.

We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Eric, Julie, Janice S., Barbara S., Ian M. and his family and anyone known to you. Amen.



It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists can you please email Anne at [lbp-parishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbp-parishsecretary@gmail.com) or Enrique at [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@hotmail.com)

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Search us O God and know our hearts today  
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,  
see if there are any hurtful ways in us  
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

### **Words of Assurance**

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.  
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others  
Amen

### **Closing Prayer**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

### **Doxology**

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

**Please click on the link to watch this week's parish video**

<https://youtu.be/pw2JoLlw1sE>

**This is the link to the Bishop's Easter message**

<https://youtu.be/pmQOXRWDY44>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the ever-present threat of COVID-19 in our area. It has been decided to suspend all church services immediately, until further notice.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on, regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to let Rev Enrique or myself know.

Any birthdays in April – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in the birthday section please send me details.

#### **Part Time Employment Opportunity:**

We are looking for an Organist for Local Anglican Services- Our group enjoys singing a variety of styles of music. Organ is manual digital with full pedal board. Standard payroll. If you or anyone you know may be interested please send resume to [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@hotmail.com)

Any questions 519-586-3401

**CELEBRATE :**

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## Sing along to this morning's hymns

### Hymn Texts: Easter Sunday 2021

#### **203 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!

#### **207 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in this tide flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we him, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the pascal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love, eat we manna from above.
3. Mighty victim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
Death is broken in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall!  
Thou hast opened paradise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4. This, our gift of Easter joy, sin alone can now destroy;  
From sin's power do thou set free souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and or praise, Father, unto thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.**

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