CHORAL EVENSONG

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
EASTER DAY

April 21, 2019
4:00 PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
AN EASTER WELCOME

Happy Easter! It is a joy and a pleasure to welcome you to the Cathedral on the greatest day of the Christian year. For more than two thousand years, the good news of this day has been a source of energy, hope, and healing for Christians the world over. The proclamation that Christ is risen, and the promise that one day we too will rise from the grave, has been and continues to be the animating force that enables Christians to love and serve in extraordinary ways. Easter is our raison d’être. The Church exists for the sole purpose of sharing this extraordinary news that the tomb is empty; Jesus has risen from the dead and death has been defeated. God’s love covers everything, and, even though we die, there is life beyond this life.

Whatever has brought you here this morning, it is my hope that the Easter good news will touch your heart. Whether you are a regular member of a Christian community or just visiting today with family and friends, the joy of Easter was intended for you. It is God’s gift to you, God’s promise that your life has immeasurable meaning and value because you are loved.

But Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago or what happens to us after we die. On Easter, we also celebrate that the resurrected Christ lives among us now, opening the tombs that we create for ourselves—the tombs of anger, addiction, despair, hatred, and self-absorption. As members of the body of Christ, we are invited to love him, listen to him, follow him, and, in so doing, discover new lives of love, hope, meaning, and purpose. What happened to Jesus on Easter morning is happening every day in the lives of those who follow him.

We are delighted that you are here today, and we hope that you too will find yourself resurrected on this Easter morning. For you are precious in God’s sight, you are loved more than you will ever know, and God’s love will never let you go.

Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

Blessings,

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean
Cathedral Church of Saint Peter & Saint Paul
Choral Evensong

The people’s responses are in **bold**.

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Solemn Entry*  
Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

The people remain seated for the introit.

**INTROIT**

*Haec dies*  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Sung in Latin.*

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
*(Psalm 118:24)*

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

**HYMN**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*  
*Sung by all.*  
*Easter Hymn*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
3. But the pains which he endured, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
4. Sing we to our God above, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)

Our triumphant holy day, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Our salvation have procured, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Praise eternal as his love, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)

Who did once upon the cross, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Who endured the cross and grave, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Now above the sky he’s King, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)

Suffer to redeem our loss, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Sinners to redeem and save, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Where the angels ever sing, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, \(Al-le-lu-ia!\)
THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Officiant* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

THE PRECES

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord’s Name be praised.

The office candles are lighted.

PHOS HILARON

*Sung by the choir.*

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The people are seated.

PSALM 113

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the Name of the Lord.
Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.
From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.
Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God’s sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.
The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

(Luke 1:46-55)
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. 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.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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.” When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 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.’” 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

NUnc DIMIttIS Sung by the choir. C. Wood

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word,
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Luke 2:29-32)

The people stand as able.
THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Said by all.*

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 LESSER LITANY

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.
*Choir* And with thy spirit.
*Cantor* Let us pray.
*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by all.*

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.
THE SUFFRAGES

Cantor  O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir   And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor  O Lord, save the State;
Choir   And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor  Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir   And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor  O Lord, save thy people;
Choir   And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor  Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir   Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
       but only thou, O God.
Cantor  O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir   And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The cantor sings the following prayers, each followed by a choral “Amen.”

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cantor  Let us bless the Lord.
Choir   Thanks be to God.

The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Rosemarie Logan Duncan

THE OFFERING

The people remain seated as an offering is received to support the Cathedral’s ministry of sharing God’s love with the world.
ANTHEM

My beloved spake

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The figtree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

(Song of Solomon 2:10–13)

The people stand as able.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all.

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 our selves 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.

THE EASTER BLESSING

Officiant  May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our
Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People  Amen.

Officiant  May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and
worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People  Amen.

Officiant  May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring
you to your eternal inheritance.

People  Amen.

Officiant  And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with
you for ever.

People  Amen.
The strife is o'er, the battle done
Sung by all.

Victory

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. 
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed: let shout of holy joy outburst.
3. The three sad days are quickly sped, he rises glorious from the dead: all glory to our risen Head!
4. He closed the yawning gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high por 
5. Lord! by the stripes which wound ed thee, from death's dread sting thy serv 

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Antiphon (at the end)

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Grand choeur dialogué

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

ABOUT CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. As day settles into night, the Cathedral Choir settles worshippers into a peaceful place of rest and contemplation. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms, canticles, and hymns are interwoven with readings from the Old and New Testaments and the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer. Evensong remains a sacred tradition practiced in cathedrals and religious communities around the world.

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Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God.