

PRELUDE:

Performed on St. Joe’s organ by Tom Fagan.

Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana – Mascagni

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40Ccvu_zp8c&feature=youtu.be

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Introduction:

Welcome to today’s Liturgy of the Word on this Easter Sunday.

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional territories of the Indigenous communities that preceded the founding of our parish.

– pause –

We encourage full, conscious, and active participation in today’s celebration. All are invited to pray and sing together. Our participation, in whatever form, is a gift and ministry to each other.

Today’s homily is offered by our pastor, Fr. Jim Bleackley

Let us begin with a moment of silence as we prepare our hearts and minds for transformation and renewal.

ONE Minute of Silence

Sharing in God's peace - let us welcome each other.

April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday – Liturgy of the Word for use at home

OPENING HYMN:

Performed by members of St. Joseph's Parish Music Ministry

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AC7oquGrZbU>

GREETING:

Leader: We gather in the name of the + Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT:

Leader: Not out of dread and fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Pause

Leader: Lord Jesus, you were not in the tomb that first day of the week: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you relied on your followers to believe in your rising: Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you call us to believe that you are risen and among us: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

GLORIA:

Leader: Together let us sing praise to God, our creator.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOPkiFXjqII>

COLLECT:

Leader: Let us pray: *- pause -*

God of love, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which Jesus appeared to the disciples who had begun to lose hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into Your glorious presence.

May the risen Christ breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life.

**Grant this through Christ who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.**

ALL: **Amen**

Leader: Let us prepare to listen to God's Word.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

*** Please see the document titled. *The Readings from the Children’s Lectionary* are also included for those families with young children. The second Reading is omitted when the reading for Children are used. Record Reading: <https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/audio/2021-04-04-usccb-daily-mass-readings>

First Reading..... Acts 10.34a, 37-43

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE FIRST READING:

Lector: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118

https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/mp3/B-100%20Common%20Psalm%20for%20Easter%20-%20Psalm%20118.mp3?_ga=2.85390937.193818997.1617307323-1279089305.1591722439

Second Reading.....Colossians 3.1-4

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE SECOND READING:

Lector: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

**** 30 seconds of silence****

Easter Sequence.....Victimae Paschali Laudes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMT01ccdsS4>

Gospel Acclamation..... 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6W9RfakqJA>

RESPONSE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel according to
John.**

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel..... John 20.1-18

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pynS8df9B1A>

RESPONSE AT THE END OF THE GOSPEL:

Lector: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

ALL: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY.....Fr. Jim Bleackley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QdTSl4P12s>

Profession of Faith:

**** Following the reflection, the Leader invites those gathered to profess their faith with the Apostles' Creed. Pg. 15 in the Sunday Missal.*

Leader: **Let us profess our faith together:**

ALL: **I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there He will come 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 life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful:

Leader: **Let us bring our prayers before God.**

**** See the PDF titled “Easter Sunday 2021 – Prayers of the Faithful”*

****Response: **Loving God, hear our prayer.***

****Following the Intentions, the Leader prays the following:*

Leader: **Loving God, guide us in our call to follow in the way of justice and peace that we may serve you and each other with hearts renewed in love and compassion for all people. We ask this in Jesus' name.**

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Ye Sons and Daughters – John Foley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff-L7HstdII>

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: With the words that Jesus taught us, let us now pray together:

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.**

Leader: Deliver us, God, from every evil.
Graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ALL: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
“I leave you peace, my peace I give you.”
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom, where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: **Amen**

Sign of Peace:

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray:
Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love
and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal
mysteries, we may come to the glory of the
resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen**

CONCLUDING RITES:

Blessing:

Leader: May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

Sing a New Song – Dan Schutte

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZH7t9_mXuh4

POSTLUDE:

Prelude on Jesus Christ is Risen Today – Healey Willan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIwf_LaRXfo&feature=youtu.be