

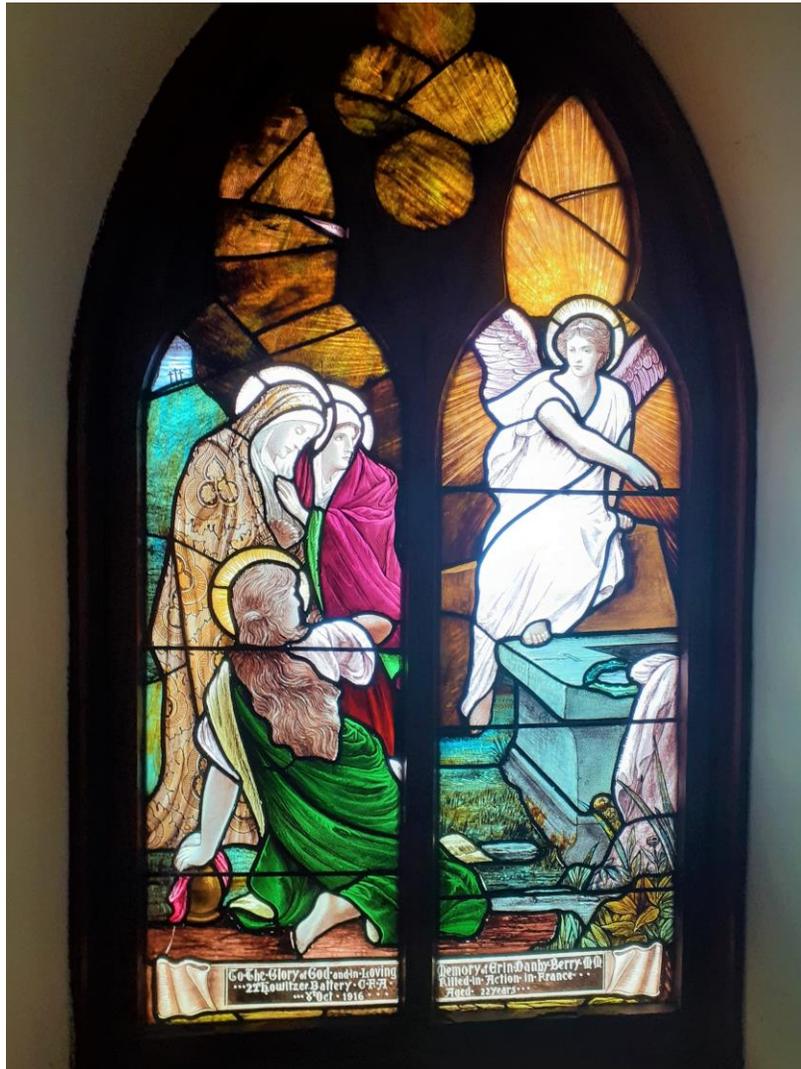


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**Sunday, April 4, 2021, Easter Sunday**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord, Liturgy of the Word**

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## The Invitatory

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

### **Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** (vs 1&3) #203

Jesus Christ is risen today,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Our triumphant holy day,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Who did once, upon the cross,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Suffer to redeem our loss,

Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Our salvation have procured;

Al-le-lu-ia!

Now above the sky he's king,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Where the angels ever sing,

Al-le-lu-ia!

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People *May he fill our hearts with joy.***

Presider: Almighty God,

***All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,***

***that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Then Peter began to speak to the 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

The word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

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."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **A Reading from the First letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more

than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Presider: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (vs 1) #207**

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the 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.

## **The Holy Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 toward 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,

The Gospel of Christ

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

**Homily:**

she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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.

Francis Richardson

**The Apostles' Creed**

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

## Prayers of the People

Gilles Haché

### The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins***

***as we forgive those who sin  
against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn: That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright (vs 1&4) #231

That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
When, to their longing eyes estored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
That we may give thee all our days  
The tribute of our grateful praise.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

*(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)*

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Grace Church, Brantford; St. James Church, Brantford; St. Mark's Church, Brantford; Holy Trinity, Burford.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Norma McCauley, Jane McRae, Adam & Bonnie Meesters; and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bill, Charlie, Erin, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

**Next Sunday: April 11, 2021**  
**Liturgy of the Word, In-church & Videotaped**

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Readings:	Acts 4:32-35	
	Psalm 1331	
	1 John 1:1-2:2	
	John 20:19-31	