EASTER DAY

April 12, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The Right Reverend Kevin D. Nichols
Bishop of Bethlehem

The Very Reverend Anthony R. Pompa
Dean and Rector

Livestream of worship at www.livestream.com/nativitycathedral
Easter Day 2020

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (Hymn 204, Hymnal 1982)

On behalf of our Bishop, Kevin Nichols and the Cathedral community, I bid all a very warm welcome on this happy morning. If you are a visitor or a newcomer to the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, we especially bid you welcome as we celebrate and meet our risen Lord.

All baptized Christians of whatever affiliation are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion at the altar of this cathedral. The ushers will guide you at the appropriate time for receiving the sacrament.

It is the practice of this Cathedral to designate a special Easter offering in celebration of our Lord. Your generosity goes a long way in helping us continue our investment in mission as near as the southside of Bethlehem and as far as South Sudan. Thank you for your faithfulness in this offering.

May your meeting of the Risen Lord bring you richness and much more.

Faithfully yours,

The Very Rev. Anthony R. Pompa
Dean and Rector
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 12, 2020

Voluntary Antiphonal Fanfare John Wilson

Organ Improvisation sur ‘Victimae paschali’ Charles Tournemire

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Processional Hymn: 207

Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!
The Collect for Easter Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection 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 your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.”

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

Psalm 118 (Metrical Version) Diademata (tune 494)

1. God is my strength and song, the Savior I have found,  
   Now from the tents of all the just comes the triumphant sound:  
   “The right hand of the Lord has gained the victory!  
   The right hand of the Lord has won, has triumphed gloriously!”

2. I shall not die, but live, and make the Lord’s works known;  
   The stone the builders cast aside is now the cornerstone.  
   This is the Lord’s own work and marvelous to see;  
   The Lord has acted on this day, we praise his victory.
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Sequence Hymn: 205, verses 1-3  
Gelobt sei Gott
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Dean’s Time with the Children

Dean Pompa

The Sermon

Bishop Nichols

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
   the Father, the Almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth,
   of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   the only Son of God,
   eternally begotten of the Father,
   God from God, Light from Light,
   true God from true God,
   begotten, not made,
   of one Being with the Father.
   Through him all things were made.
   For us and for our salvation
      he came down from heaven:
   by the power of the Holy Spirit
      he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
   and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the Church, for all baptized ministers, Bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Kevin our Bishop, Tony our Dean, Dale and Michelle our Canons, and Charles and Rodney our Deacons. For all those who pursue the ministry and mission of sharing your love in the world we give thanks, O God, proclaiming:

*People:* *Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!*

*Intercessor:* We pray for the United States, our elected and appointed leaders and all those in authority throughout the world. We ask for wisdom and grace, guidance and discernment for those in power, O God, proclaiming:

*People:* *Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!*

*Intercessor:* We pray for right stewardship so that we can sustain your creation. We ask for protection of the world you have given us, O God, proclaiming:

*People:* *Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!*

*Intercessor:* We pray for all members of the Cathedral Community, for the City of Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley, that we may live together in the fullness of your love and capture a glimpse of your kingdom in the lives of those we meet. We give thanks for the opportunity to share the love we know through you, O God, proclaiming:
People: Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!

Intercessor: We pray for those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit especially in this time of pandemic. We ask for your healing presence in their lives, and the hope of new life, O God, proclaiming:

People: Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died and rejoice this Easter day with them assured of the certain hope of the resurrection! O God, proclaiming:

People: Praise to the risen Lord, Alleluia!

Intercessor: We raise our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James and Salome who were the first to witness our Lord risen; we offer ourselves and one another in the joy of God through Christ’s resurrection.

People: To you, O Lord our God! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light; hear the prayers we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live forever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

When we bring our offerings to the altar, we bring ourselves. Through the offering, we respond to God’s generosity with our own gifts so that the ministry carried on in God’s name will grow and thrive.

Thank you for remembering to stay current on your financial giving. You may mail your offering to the Cathedral or give online at www.nativitycathedral.org/donate.html

If you would rather make an offering by credit card, please text 610-981-2378 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: $50). Await a reply text and follow the instructions. Thanks be to God for your generosity.
Music during the Offertory

Doxology

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* We lift them to the Lord.
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

*Richard Proulx*
Celebrant  Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant  We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.
The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.
Music during Communion

Celebrant   Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father, 
you have graciously accepted us 
as living members of your Son 
our Savior Jesus Christ, 
and you have fed us with spiritual food 
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 
Send us now into the world in peace, 
and grant us strength and courage 
to love and serve you 
with gladness and singleness of heart; 
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

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 blessings. Amen.

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. Amen.

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

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.
Recessional Hymn: 182

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant
3 Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, un-
4 In every insult, rift, and war where color,
5 Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and

1 empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Palestine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by human pains, but daily, in the
4 scorn or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet
5 every future age, till all creation

1 praise ringing. His love in death shall never die.
2 here and now and conquer every place and time.
3 midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.
4 loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.
5 lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

Deacon       Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!
People       Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary    Toccata from Symphony No. 5       Charles-Marie Widor
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