Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC Sunday, April 4, 2021 | Festival of the Resurrection

Bishop Lincoln, Margaret Mitchell and Melissa Green lead worship today; Dean Ken sings; Gail Ovington is at the organ today.

Today's service originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharingthe land together.

A VIDEO DISPLAY of Easter flowers and memorials will be shown at the start and end of today's service.

All are welcome to attend Zoom Coffee after the service. The link will appear in the Facebook comments shortly before the end of the service.

Organ prelude music today includes Easter Celebrations- works by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

WORDS OF WELCOME

Melissa Green

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

HYMN

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly 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!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Charles Wesley PD

COLLECT

Margaret Mitchell

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. Amen.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Margaret Mitchell

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 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." ACTS 10:34-43

Thanks be to God

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Dean Ken



1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; the mercy of the Lord endures for ever. 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever." Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

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

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."
21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me and has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good;

22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
23 This is the Lord's doing,

and it is marvellous in our eyes. 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Inclusive Language Liturgical Psalter ACC

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS Margaret Mitchell

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. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Hear what the Spirit says to all people Thanks be to God

SONG MV 40 Dean Ken

Refrain: Never ending joy, never ending joy,

never ending joy,

never ending joy, never ending joy,

never ending joy!

God of every tribe, every language,
God of every river and sea,
God of every mountain and island,
you bring joy to me:
Refrain

God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
you bring joy to me:
Refrain

God of every song, every story,
God of every captive set free,
God of every dance, every footstep,
you bring joy to me:

Refrain
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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ Margaret Mitchell

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, 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. JOHN 20:1-18

GOSPEL RESPONSE VIDEO

Guest Organist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Melissa Green

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Melissa Green

(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 and famine 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 the 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! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dean Ken

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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

Let us pray. O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God;

In these times when we cannot receive you sacramentally, come into ourselves, our souls and bodies, as you have risen from the dead bringing victory over death, healing, comfort and peace.
Revitalize your Church in Love;
Strengthen us for service;
that when our wanderings end, we may in courage and confidence in joy and resilience, discover your love throughout all creation, Amen.

Quiet time – Dean Ken at the piano

A joint Easter message from Primate Linda Nicholls and National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson https://anglicanlutheran.ca/2021-joint-easter-message/

EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Bishop Lincoln

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dean Ken

HYMN CP 602 (Select Verses) Dean Ken

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

till all the world adore his glorious name!

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!

if we are silent, even stones cry out. Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,

teach us compassion for each human life. Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme,

let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. Refrain

Worlds to be born and children yet to be

come, take up this song into eternity. Refrain

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Gail Ovington improvises on the Easter Tune Jesus Christ is Risen Today as our worship draws to a close.