



St. Aidan's, Winnipeg

Sunday, April 12th 2020 – Easter Sunday

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, to you be glory and praise for ever. Your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness never ceases. Illuminate our hearts with your wisdom and strengthen our lives with your word, for you are the fountain of life; in your light we see true light.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Light of Christ;
Thanks be to God!

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture and Collect of the Day

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (*1 Peter 1:3-4*)

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Readings: Hebrews 11: 32 – 12:3

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon – Consider Him

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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

Risen and reigning Lord, truly you are our Great High Priest who came from heaven to reconcile us to God. Truly you were tempted and tested as we are, and yet without sin. With boldness we approach your throne of grace, with full assurance that we will find grace and mercy in our time of need.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign give hope to your people.

May all who are living without this hope taste and see that you are good.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign call us, your people, to testify to your truth and goodness in the world. Equip and empower us each day to be bold witnesses of this Good News in word and in deed.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign call all the nations of the world to stop their rebellious scheming and seek your peace. May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your sovereign rule and seek your perfect peace.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign call each of us to repentance by turning from the path of death to the path of obedience and life. Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve and help us to live as people of light and life.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign bring life, light, and healing to our broken world. May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and disease know your healing presence and receive from you new life.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Your resurrection and your reign are the first fruits of all that is to come for those who have put their faith and hope in the promise of Christ. With eager anticipation we look forward to your kingdom of justice, joy, and peace, and pray that your kingdom would come on earth as it is now in heaven.

Lord of glory; **hear our prayers.**

Holy Lord Jesus, in your death we have died to our sin and in your resurrection, you have raised us to new life and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom. May we, your redeemed people, never fail to bless you and thank you for your immeasurable love and gracious promises.

We give all praise to you, Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from our sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. Amen.

Hear the Good News of the Gospel: "When you were dead in your sins, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal debt, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away nailing it to the cross." In Christ, your sins are forgiven!

The Peace

In Christ, we have been forgiven, therefore let us forgive one another.
In Christ, we have peace with God, let us also be at peace with one another.

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

Blessing

May God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith, and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

Dismissal

He is not here! He is risen!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song: Oh to see the Dawn