

LIFE WITH JESUS IN THE NEW WORLD

Easter Sunday April 12, 2020

LETTER FROM FR AARON

Beloved Immanuel Anglican Church,

This has been a Lent like none other in our lifetimes. The deadly coronavirus has spread around the world bringing sickness, death and a screeching halt to life as we know it. Even if you're not physically or financially affected by this crisis, you are likely grappling with the loss of your normal community, rhythms and plans.

There was never a better time for Holy Week. For Jesus and his followers, Holy Week was anything but serene and normal! The final days and hours of his life were marked by uncertainty, danger, solemn prayers and sacred meals, betrayal, confusion, and death. And throughout history, the people of God have celebrated Holy Week in terrible circumstances: war, plague, famine, invasion of foreign armies, time of confusion and great pain.

This is the world Jesus came to save. This is the world Jesus came to heal! During the events of Holy Week, we enter the story of Jesus. We don't leave our problems of this life behind – we bring them with us, and we send them to the cross of Christ. And on Easter, we set all our hopes for wholeness and eternal life on the risen Christ.

Before us is the dawn of Easter, the promise of Heaven. Sooner or later, darkness will give way to light. Let us be ready for that dawn as we keep watch with Jesus in the final hours of his life. Receive the gift of Holy Week; it is a gift for such a time as this.

During Holy Week at Immanuel Anglican, we will journey with Jesus through the final days of his life, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the grave. Each service has incredible moments where we can participate in the story. Join us for these online gatherings and use the resources on the following pages to follow along in your household throughout the week.

With love, Father Aaron

GET READY FOR THE SERVICE

- Grab your Bibles and journals.
- Get the live stream ready on your largest, most central screen.
- Turn off devices (or silence notifications) on all devices you're not using for the service.
- Gather the items needed for the service.
- Optional: Print out coloring sheets for children in your household. (Find at immanuelanglican.org/holyweek)

SHARE YOUR "HOLY WEEK AT HOME" WITH US!

If you post pictures and videos of your Holy Week celebrations, tag us (@chicagoanglican) or use hashtag #chicagoanglicanholyweek or e-mail them to jennifer@immanuelanglican.org

EASTER SUNDAY

Today we continue the celebration that began last night at the Easter Vigil! Today we participate in the glory of God's victory over sin and death as we "hasten to see the stone rolled back, and even the angels perhaps, and Jesus himself." Christ is risen—and we are raised with him into the newness of eternal life.

What you need:

- Bells, stréamers, anything that makes noise!

What to do:

- Clear some space in front of your screen so you have room to dance.
- At the Holy Noise, shout, dance, ring the bells, waive the streamers! Throw open your windows and shout "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" to your neighborhood.

Other Ideas:

- Take a photo in your Easter celebration clothes and post online or send to jennifer@immanuelanglican.org to share with the church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Garments of Praise

Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness
Let the oil of gladness flow down
From Your throne
Put on the garments of praise
For the spirit of heaviness
Your joy is my strength alone
My strength alone

Make these broken, weary bones Rise to dance again Wet this dry and thirsty land With a river Lord, our eyes are fixed on You And we are waiting For Your garland of grace As we praise Your name

The Easter Acclamation

CELEBRANT: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The Holy Noise

The congregation rings bells at this time.

Hallelujah! Sing hallelujah! We give all honor and praise To Your name Hallelujah! Sing hallelujah! We trade our sorrows For garments of praise

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Gloria



The Lessons

READER: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

READER: The word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song; *
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: *

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

the right hand of the Lord exalts, * the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, *

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me severely, *
but he has not given me over to death.

- Open to me the gates of righteousness, *
 that I may enter through them
 and give thanks to the Lord.
- This is the gate of the Lord; *
 the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me * and have become my salvation.
- The stone that the builders rejected * has become the cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing; *
 it is marvelous in our eyes.
- This is the day that the Lord has made; *
 let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia

DEACON: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

John.

PEOPLE: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 20:1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² 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." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

DEACON: The Gospel of the Lord

PEOPLE: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Alleluia

The Sermon

The Stuff We're All Looking Forward To:

Leaving Your House

— Fr Aaron Damiani

The Baptismal Vow Renewal

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: Let us renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of

heaven and earth.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and was born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontious 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.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: 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.

CELEBRANT: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in

the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall

into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

CELEBRANT: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and

respect the dignity of every human being?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

The Peace

CELEBRANT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Doxology

Please stand.

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

CELEBRANT: Lift up your hearts.

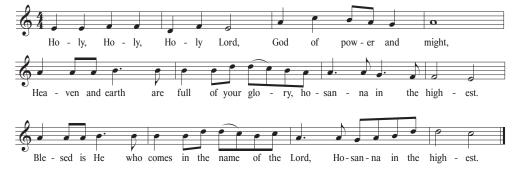
PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

CELEBRANT: ... therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels

and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



CELEBRANT: . . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: ... 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

forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

pray,

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 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

CELEBRANT: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

CELEBRANT: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again Come awake come awake Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim:

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night!
Singing, O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light
Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!

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We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the LORD our God We are not consumed, by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom.

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The Blessing

CELEBRANT: All our problems of this life on earth . . .

ALL: We send to the Cross of Christ.

CELEBRANT: All the difficulties of our circumstances . . .

ALL: We send to the Cross of Christ.

CELEBRANT:: All the devil's works from his temporary power . . .

All: We send to the Cross of Christ.

Lifting your hands up to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life . . .

ALL: We set on the Risen Christ.

CELEBRANT: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter

the darkness from before your path, and the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you

and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit. Alleluia!

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE STUFF WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO

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An Eastertide Sermon Series on John 20-21

April 12: Leaving your House (20:1-10)

April 19: Planting a Garden (20:11-18)

April 26: Unlocking your Door (20:19-23)

May 3: Physical Touch (20:24-31)

May 10: Beach Breakfast with Friends (21:1-14)

May 17: Getting your Job Back (21:15-21)

May 24: Living to Tell the Story (21:22-25)

