

**St James' Anglican Church**  
**Easter Proclamation, 11 April 2020, 9.00 pm**

Dear friends in Christ,  
on this most holy night,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children  
throughout the world to come together in prayer.  
This is the Passover of the Lord.  
As we proclaim his death and resurrection  
we are confident  
that we shall share his victory over death  
and live with him for ever in God.

*A candle is blessed and lit.*

The light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The opening of the Exultet, the Easter Proclamation, is sung:*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!  
Exult all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6.3-11*

### The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all:  
in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

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 worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

*Matthew 28.1-10*

### Easter Acclamations

To Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and who now lives in the glory of the Father,  
let us lift our voices in praise:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Amen, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

You are Alpha and Omega,  
the one who is, and was, and who is to come:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

You search into the thoughts and affections of all people:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

You reprove and chasten those whom you love:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

You open the eyes of the blind  
and set the prisoners free:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

In your paschal victory,  
you have proclaimed the coming of the kingdom:

**risen Lord, we bless you, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Giver of life and light,  
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth,  
and shine as a light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood in the midst of his disciples,  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*A Happy and Joyful Easter to one and all!  
May the light of Christ shine brightly in this time of darkness.*

*St James' "Liturgy at Home for Easter Day," tomorrow at 10.30 am. See News on [stjames.bc.ca](http://stjames.bc.ca) for Zoom access details.*

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