

Easter Sunday

# EASTER SUNDAY

#### of the Resurrection of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

**April 9, 2023** 

# **His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory**

**Archbishop of Washington** 

Celebrant

9:00 am

# Reverend Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson Rector of the Cathedral

11:00 am

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE Washington, District of Columbia

My Dear Friends,

It is a joy to be able to welcome you to Saint Matthew's Cathedral on this glorious Feast of Easter. I do so in the name of Cardinal Wilton Gregory, as well as in my own.

Of all the times we gather as Christian believers, none is more important than this one. Easter is the greatest of all our feasts. It celebrates the mystery that is the very bedrock and foundation of our Christian faith, for, as St. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not risen, our faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:14)

But, Christ HAS risen, and your presence here in the Cathedral both affirms and celebrates that most startling and enduring of all realities. While we do not see him, we know he lives and that he is in our midst breathing life and hope into us, walking alongside us on our pilgrimage of faith, our journey toward the Kingdom.

I have no way of knowing what is in your heart as you come here on this Easter Sunday of 2023. For some, I am sure, there is joy and a keen sense of hope for the future as Spring with all its promise bursts forth all around us; for others, there may be the pain of illness or the grief that comes from the death of someone close. For all of us, there is the painful paradox of living in a world that is incredibly beautiful yet hopelessly violent at the same time. Death and life are never far apart in our world, it seems. But that is not the whole story. Easter proclaims for all to hear the one thing that really matters, the one thing we need to know above all else: that death does not have the last word. Life does!

My prayer today is that you will be renewed in faith and hope as you join in worship here at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

If you are a visitor, please know that you are warmly welcomed here. I hope you will find something today that will touch your heart, awaken your spirit, and make you want to return to this holy place again and again. If you are part of the regular family of St. Matthew's, I take this opportunity to thank you for all the ways you make the Risen Lord Jesus present in this parish and in this city: through your prayer, your faith, and your love that overflows in such generous and unselfish service, especially to the poor.

May the blessings of the Risen Lord Jesus be yours in abundance.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

# THE ORDER OF MASS

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### **Prelude**

#### **Entrance Song**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



#### **Penitential Act**

Gloria Normand Gouin



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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Acts 10: 34, 37-43

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Richard Proulx



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**Second Reading** 

Colossians 3:1-4

**Sequence** 

Easter Sequence

James Biery



#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Irish Alleluia

Finian O'Carroll/Richard Proulx



Gospel John 20: 1-9

**Homily** 

#### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

#### **Universal Prayer**

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Preparation of the Altar and Offerings

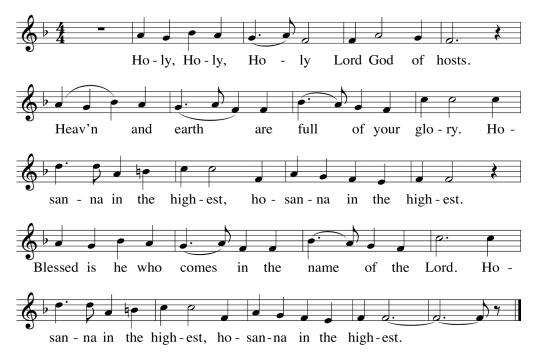
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Samuel Scheidt

**Eucharistic Acclamations** 

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx



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#### The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

#### **Great Amen**

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

**Lord's Prayer** 

# **Breaking of the Bread**

Howard Hughes

**Communion Antiphon** 

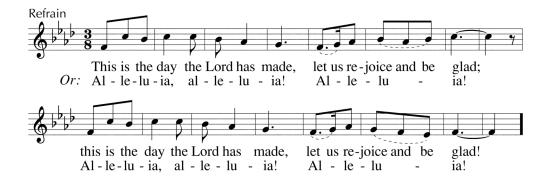
Este Es El Día

Pablo Sosa

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# **Communion Hymn**

Marty Haugen



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#### **Communion Motet**

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

#### CONCLUDING RITE

#### SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity, and in his compassion,

defend you from every assault of sin.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And may he who restores you to eternal life, in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,

endow you with the prize of immortality.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the

gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts

that are celebrated in eternal joy.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the ♥ Father, and the ♥ Son, and the ♥ Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

## Save the Date

## **Earth Day Lessons and Carols**

Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 7:30pm

Through choral works and meditative readings, following the example of Pope Francis, we celebrate the wonders of creation and examine our faithful stewardship of these gifts.

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#### Recessional

#### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

