

## Thought for the Day

When the time came  
For the children's sermon,  
the congregation enjoyed  
the flurry of small bodies,  
popping up here and there,  
racing to the front  
of the sanctuary  
which, like the children,  
was Easter-clad.  
One small child  
bottle in hand,  
went down the aisle  
past the Communion table  
to the steps in front of the pulpit,  
and sat with the others.  
The minister greeted them and  
began by asking them  
to hold out both their hands.  
Not wanting to be left out,  
the child with the bottle  
placed it on the table,  
The table that had been  
properly prepared  
for the Holy Communion.  
Whether the congregation  
grimaced or grinned,  
I cannot say,  
but some report to have heard  
an extravaganza of bells  
that Easter Sunday,  
when a plastic bottle,  
filled with the nourishment of life  
for this small child,  
stood beside silver cup and plate  
filled with the nourishment of life  
for the souls of all present.  
Of such is the kingdom of heaven.....

## St. Alban the Martyr

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - EASTER

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

8:30 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Lector: Pat Lewis

10:30 a.m. **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Lector: Martha Cosan

**CHRIST OUR PASSOVER HAS BEEN SACRIFICED FOR US;  
THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST.** *1 Corinthians 5: 7-8*

Hymn # 203

**“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

Blue Book

Announcements & Welcome

Hymn # 590

**“This is the Day”**

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord hath made.

Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

**People** *May He fill our hearts with joy.*

Celebrant 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.*

Glory to God

**All:** *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

***For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Collect

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.**

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Reading	Acts 10: 34-43	See Insert
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	See Insert
Hymn #715	<b>“Alleluia”</b>	Blue Book
Gospel	John 20: 1-18	See Insert
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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Trampling Death by death and restoring life to those in the tombs! The Lord has broken the chains of sin and has made us new creations. Almighty God has had mercy on you, has pardoned and delivered you from all your sins, confirms and strengthens you in all goodness and leads you to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

The Peace of Christ Is Shared Among Us

Offertory Hymn # 210 **“Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son”** Blue Book

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise, for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,

reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: *Now we are raised to new life***

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: *Now we share in your resurrection.***

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

#### Communion Hymns

Hymn # 482 “*Come and Journey with a Saviour*” Blue Book

Hymn # 205 “*The Day of Resurrection*” Blue Book

Hymn # 101 “*His Name is Wonderful*” Red Book

#### Prayer after Communion

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

#### LORD’S PRAYER (sung holding hands)

***Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Hymn “**Lord of the Dance**”

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