

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Choral Eucharist April 17, 2022 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Cathedral
2728 Sixth Avenue San Diego, CA 92103

A Gentle Reminder about Mask Etiquette

For now we are asking everyone to continue wearing masks indoors. Masks remain strongly recommended by the San Diego County Health Department, and singing is discouraged when masking is not in place. We ask that you continue to wear your masks while indoors as we sing together in worship. Masks are available at the entrances to the church, the Great Hall, and the offices. The mask must cover both your nose and your mouth. Please remain masked when you come forward for Communion and do not consume the Host until you have returned to your seat. Sliding the mask down under your chin compromises its effectiveness when you reposition it: we recommend removing it completely by the ear straps for the shortest possible time. Try to touch your mask as little as possible. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe!

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Prelude

Musique Royale Michel Richard Delalande (1657-1726) *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738) Trumpet & Organ *Church Sonatas in D Major, K. 45, K.145* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Strings & Organ

§ Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.



Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: *Easter Hymn*, from Lyra Davidica, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt., Descant: Martin Green (b. 1972)

The Word of God

The Easter Acclamation

Bishop Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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**.

Kyrie and Gloria (choir).

from *Missa Brevis "St Joannis de Deo"* Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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. BishopThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.BishopLet us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

§ Please be seated for the Lessons

The First Lesson

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino (choir)

Chant: John Goss

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

§ Please stand as you are able and remain masked for the Alleluia Verse.

Alleluia Verse (Cantor, then all repeat)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed / for us: therefore / let <u>us</u> keep the feast.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary

Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

§ Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Penny Bridges

§ After a moment of silence, please stand as you are able for the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed (said in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

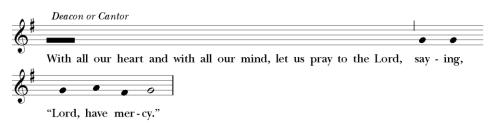
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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§ Please remain masked while chanting the Prayers.



For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, for those who live in them, and for the blessing of rain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, especially in this critical time of climate change, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

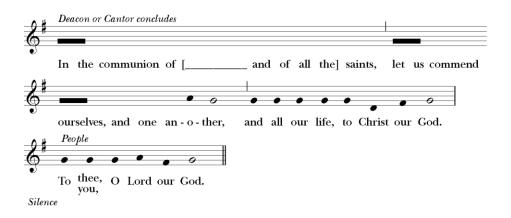
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.



The Bishop adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

BishopThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

 \int The People offer each other a socially distanced sign of the Peace.

§ Please be seated. §

Greetings and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Laying on of hands for healing – for your own needs or for the needs of another person - is available north of the communion rail during Communion.

At the Offertory, Anthem (choir)

Easter (Rise Heart, thy Lord is Risen) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise Without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long: Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art.

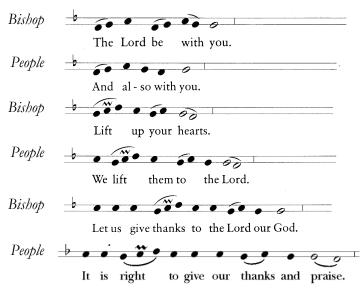
[No.1 from Five Mystical Songs. Text: George Herbert]

§ Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 205 (all who wish to sing the hymn should be masked while singing)



Words:Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Norman Mealy (1923-1987) Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)



The Bishop continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (choir)	from Missa Brevis "	St Joannis de Deo"	Haydn
Sanctus, Sanctus,	Sanctus,	Holy, Holy, Holy,	
Dominus Deus S	abaoth.	Lord God of Hosts.	
Pleni sunt coeli et	terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of	thy glory,
Hosanna in excel	sis.	Hosanna in the highest.	

The Bishop continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Bishop and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being \mathbb{R} sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

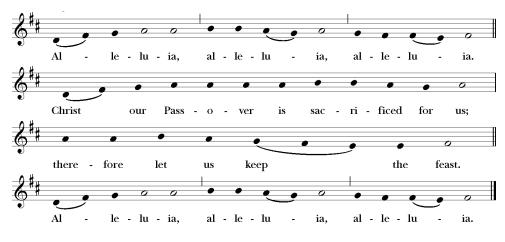
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

The Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread (Please remain masked while singing)



Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Music: From New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much who love him faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- The Iona Community Worship Book

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Bishop

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.

At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. Please come forward, keeping your mask on and return to your seat before removing your mask to consume the Host. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.

As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:

To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.

To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.

To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders

If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.

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At the Communion

Agnus Dei (choir) from Missa Brevis "St Joannis de Deo"

Lamb of God, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sins of the world: miserere nobis. have mercy on us. Lamb of God, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. miserere nobis. Lamb of God, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, you take away the sins of the world: dona nobis pacem. grant us peace.

Anthem (choir)

Alleluia! Surrexit Dominus Jaquet of Mantua (1483-1559)

Alleluia! Surrexit Dominus vere, et apparuit Simoni, alleluia. Exultemus et laetemur, dies ista laetitiae. Haec dies, quam fecit Dominus; exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed, and hath shown himself to Simon. Let us rejoice and be glad: this day is one of holy joy. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

> Sonata for 2 Violins and Cello in D Major: Andante Giuseppe Tartini (1692-1770) Chamber Orchestra

Haydn

S After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Bishop blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Hymn 174 (all who wish to sing the hymn should be masked while singing)



Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt. Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Descant: Martin Green (b. 1972)

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Organ Voluntary

Symphonie 1: Finale Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

§ If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen or pray for a while. Thank you.

Ministers of the Liturgy

Bishop: The Right Reverend Dr. Susan Brown Snook, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego Preacher & Dean: The Very Reverend Penny Bridges Assisting: The Reverend Richard Hogue, Jr. Deacon: The Reverend Canon Brooks Mason Cantor: Canon Martin Green Chaplain to the Bishop: Don Mitchell Head Verger: Canon Lisa Churchill Lectors: Craig Monsell, Robert Heylmun Altar Servers: Salvador Arce Guerra, Robert Reed Thurifer: Judy MacDonald Verger: Stephanie Pierce Sacristans: Tom Barb, Irene George, Julia Gorman, Steve Mater, Joyce Vogel, Elaine Wolfe Usher-in-Charge: Lucinda Parsons Ushers: Rosie Bird, Ellen Hargus, Susan Jester, Micah Lomax, Bob Oslie, Paula Peeling, Andi Price, Jack Price, Kevin VanWanseele, John Will Organist and Choirmaster: Canon Martin Green Assistant Organist: Gabriel Arregui Organ Scholar: Jesse Puglia Audio/Visual: Bill Eadie, Mike Thornburgh

A special thank you to the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir and today's chamber orchestra members.

The offices are open for normal office hours and visitors may ask at the office to be let in to the cathedral. Some of the staff will continue to work at home for part of the time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop.

A few notes about giving in this time:

- 1. You may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
- We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at <u>https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/</u>. There you may schedule automatic donations that do not require the staff to handle postal mail, allowing staff to focus on other tasks and reducing contact with paper.

Thank you!

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible. Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue
- North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard
- South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street
- 0 Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway
- West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.

April 17, 2022 – Easter Day (C) The Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

An abridged version of the Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 2022 is reprinted here. Watch and read the entire message by scanning the QR code below or visiting https://iam.ec/easter2022.

In Matthew's gospel, the resurrection of Jesus is introduced this way: "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 had descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone before the tomb until it was open."

A number of years ago, when I was serving as the bishop of North Carolina, one of our clergy, the Rev. James Melnyk, offered a workshop on the Saturday before Palm Sunday on how to design, and color, and make Easter eggs.



I attended the workshop with a number of other people from around the Raleigh area and did my best to make an Easter egg. But Jim was a master at doing so. You see, Jim's family hailed from Ukraine, and he had been making those Easter eggs from childhood, and spoke of his grandmother and the family tradition that hailed from Ukraine, the making of those Easter eggs. I knew the significance of the Easter egg and Easter. I knew the stories and the truth and the teachings about the coming of new life into the world, and the connection of life emerging from an egg, and Jesus rising from the dead, bringing new life and hope into our world.

But it became clear to me, in the last month or so, in this time when the people of the Ukraine are struggling for their freedom, struggling to be what God intends for all people to be, free people, that, that egg, which is deeply embedded in the life and the consciousness of the people of Ukraine, that those Easter eggs are not just mere symbols, but reminders of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. Think back. On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem, as we know, riding on a donkey. That was a deliberate act on his part.

He entered Jerusalem at about same time that Pontius Pilate, the governor of Rome, would've been entering the city from the other side, from the other gate. Pilate would've been riding a war horse, accompanied by a cavalry and infantry. He would've been riding in the streets of Jerusalem at this, the dawn of the Passover, which was a celebration of Jewish freedom. Harking back to the days of Moses and the Exodus, Pilate knew that the people would remember that God decreed freedom for all people, and that the Roman empire, which held Judea as a colony, would need to put down, by brute force, any attempt to strike a blow for their freedom.

So, Pilate entered Jerusalem on a war horse, and Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. The way of humility, the way of the love that we know from the God who is love, the way of truth, the way of compassion, the way of justice, the way of God, the way of love. That way faced the way of the world, brute force, totalitarian power, injustice, bigotry, violence, embodied in Pontius Pilate, governor of Rome. And the rest of the week was a conflict between the way of the empire and the way of the kingdom or the reign of God's love...

