

Resurrection of our Lord!



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Resurrection Sunday! April 12, 2-20

Welcome to worship on this special day. Our liturgy begins with the liturgy of light and the blessing of the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes Christ's breaking of the darkness of sin and death to bring us all the Easter victory. Thank you for joining us on this special day. We hope the blessings of the Risen Lord are yours this day and always.

Prelude

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"
By Handel

Elise Nelson

~Unbury the Alleluia~

Liturgy of Light:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The inscription on the Paschal Candle is traced by the Presiding Minister, while saying:

Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen**

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. **Amen**

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

As the Paschal is raised, the Presiding Minister proclaims three times:

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

Rejoice then, even in your distress. **We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

God has claimed us as his own. **God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you!**

Prayer of the Day God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen**

life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ²Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

Holy Scripture, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Holy Scripture, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel lesson today is from Matthew 28:1-10. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day:

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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Nicene Creed

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the Church : *To the words, “Lord, in your mercy,” we respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

. MEAL

Offering *During this time of distancing for the health of the nation, our offerings are just as important as times when we gather. Church staff need to be paid as do the utilities and bills for our buildings. Please check with the church office to see how best to make sure your offering is received.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered here, to feed the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you! **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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 us 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

In this time when we are unable to be at a common table with one another, our forefathers in the Christian faith instituted what is known as "Spiritual Communion." In this moment, we prepare ourselves as we would for the physical elements of communion, thinking about God's gifts to us in the Body and Blood of Christ our Lord. Take a moment to pause, to recall that which you have received from God, (pause) to remember your sin, (pause) to ask forgiveness. (pause) In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Christ has given his body "for you," Christ has "shed (His blood) for you for the forgiveness of your sin." Where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation. Recall God's gifts to you through Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

Jesus, I believe that you are with me through your Holy Spirit, in the sacrament of Baptism and Holy Communion. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you through the elements of the sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, knowing you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you as you offer forgiveness, unity, and hope to me and all believers. In your holy name I pray, Amen.

Those present who choose to receive the elements do so at this time.

“O Christ, Lamb of God”

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O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
 a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - - men.

*After
us
pray:
Lord*

Music: J. Bugenhagen, *Christliche Ordnung*, 1528

Jesus, in this wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this holy gift of your body and blood so work in us that we might be moved to live in such a way that the fruits of your redemption, our forgiveness and gift of love from you, might show forth in all that we do in response to these gifts. Bless us through your

Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING

May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin. **Amen**

Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life. **Amen**

You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come today and at the last with joy to the feast which never ends. **Amen**

May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

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