
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
2023

APRIL 9,

WELCOME

HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (*LSB #457*)

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

- P. In the name of the living Lord,
C. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
P. This is the day the Lord has made;
C. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
P. Why are you looking among the dead for the one who is
alive? Christ is risen!
C. He is risen indeed!
P. And all the creatures of the earth shout;
C. Amen!
P. And all the saints an angels shout;
C. Amen!
P. And the people of the Lamb shout;
C. Hallelujah! Amen!

EASTER DECLARATION:

This Easter Day, we celebrate the forgiveness of our sins won by Christ through His victory over death. The Word of God that you hear today concerning Jesus' death and resurrection is certain and sure. The blessing of Easter however is not just in the past. Even today, through His Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, our living Savior comes to us that we might receive the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of everlasting life. With faith in Jesus then, let us go to God in prayer and ask again for His forgiveness.

CONFESSION OF SIN: *(Spoken together)*

With thanksgiving in our hearts we worship You, O God. We know that Jesus conquered sin and death through His death and resurrection. He is the source of our hope and life. Without Him we are dead in our sins. Without Him we can only live for the present. Without Him we are alone. Forgive our sinful nature that rebels against You, O Lord. Restore us in love and revive saving faith in us each day. Have mercy on us dear Lord! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

P. Jesus is alive for you!

C. His words and promises are certain and sure.

P. Trusting in Jesus as your Savior, you are forgiven.

C. In Him and from Him we receive the promise, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." (John 4:24)

P. As Jesus crossed over from death to life in His resurrection,

C. We go now in His power to shun sin and live a new life too.

P. Go under the love of the Lord.

C. Help us Lord to live and remain in Your love. Amen.

HYMN: "He is Arisen! Glorious Word" *(LSB #488)*

1. He is arisen! Glorious Word!

Now reconciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heav'n are open.

My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

SONG: “All Hail King Jesus” *(Dave Moody)*

All hail, King Jesus. All hail, Emmanuel.
King of kings and Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
Throughout all eternity, I'm going to praise Him;
And forevermore, I will reign with Him. *(Repeat)*

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵“Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

CONFESSION OF EASTER FAITH: (*Spoken together*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. His sovereign power has raised His Son from the dead and His eternal love has given us eternal life. He is indeed the Father Almighty!

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and come to earth as a human, born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered and died and went down to hell, announcing His victory as Almighty God over the evil one; the battle was over, and on the third day He rose from the dead and is alive!

I believe this by the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who calls, gathers, and enlightens us and the whole Christian church on earth. By His guidance and through His life giving Word we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I believe Jesus will come again and take those who believe in Him home to live with Him forever. This is the message of Easter! This is the foundation of our faith. This we believe and confess with our lips and our lives. Alleluia! Amen.

SONG: "Jesus Paid It All"

(Alex Nifong, Elvina Hall, John Thomas Grape)

1. And I hear the Savior say Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all
Chorus:

'Cause Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

2. Lord now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone
Chorus:

Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

3. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save My lips shall still repeat
Chorus:

Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow
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SERMON: John 20:1-9 "What Can be Learned from Some Linen?"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P. Heavenly Father,

C. By Your Spirit You have called us together through the Good News of the resurrection.

P. Fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection.

C. Grant to Your church the power of the resurrected Christ.

P. Bless our homes with the comfort and hope of Easter.

C. Send the conquering banner of Christ's victory into all the world.

P. In the promise of Easter,

C. Take away from us all fear of death.

P. Help those with special needs, especially...*(prayer requests)*...Give courage and strength to them in Christ.

C. Speak peace to our souls and maintain our faith in Jesus who promises resurrection and life.

P. We pray in the name of our risen Lord,

C. Our Father who art in heaven...*(The Lord's Prayer)*.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" (*LSB #633*)

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

2. Praise we Him whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

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IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WE BELIEVE
our Lord Jesus Christ comes to us with His body and blood

given and shed for the forgiveness of sins (Matt 26:26-28). In it we are united with him and with the whole Church. Baptized and confirmed Christians who believe, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine of the Sacrament, who acknowledge their sin, set aside any refusal to forgive (Matt 6:15), are sorry, repent (Mark 1:15) and look to Christ alone for forgiveness and strength to live the new life, are welcome to eat and drink at the Lord's table in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25-25) You may register for Communion as the Friendship Folder is passed to you in the pew. If you have any questions, please speak to the Pastor or a Lay Minister before communing.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING:

P. Christ is risen!

C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P. Raise your praises high.

C. With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, His wondrous love to see.

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!

C. From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Death's dark reign is done!

C. So by God's grace we take our place in paradise at last.

P. Go now in the power of the Spirit.

C. We leave believing in and proclaiming the name of our risen Lord Jesus.

P. Thanks be to God!

C. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB #461)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives my ever living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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