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The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Sunday

9:00 am & 11:00 am



Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

Easter Prelude on 'Victory'

Dennis Eliot

We enter today into a building still silent from Good Friday – remembering the death and burial of our Savior. We are still in shock, wondering what will happen next.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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EASTER GREETING and WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday when we once again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Please rise

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365 vs 1,2,4

Vs 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!

Vs 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!

Vs 4 **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!**

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

(9 am) KID'S CHOIR

Blessed Be the Lord

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Choristers Guild

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God - Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.

*But today— **today we know hope.***

*Today we know life. **Today we know the sound of Alleluias.***

Today we know that death does not have the last word.

Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

Alleluia! Amen.

SANCTUARY CHOIR WITH CONGREGATION

O God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880 Vs 1,3

Vs 1 **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

Vs 3 **Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Gracious God, We repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over powers of death and evil is news so startling so amazing so different from the news that bombards us day by day.

Beyond our comprehension You startle us again and again with resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

~ written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on Christine Jerrett: Reflections on being the Church in God's new creation. <http://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/tag/prayer/>

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43 (Pew Bible pg 839)

Our first reading is from Acts, the 10th chapter beginning with the thirty-fourth verse.

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

"And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he ordered us to preach

everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Please join me in reading our Psalm responsively.

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

Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

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

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

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

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

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

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

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

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

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (Pew Bible pg 760)

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“All In for Resurrection”

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367 vs 1,2,4

Vs 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living! "Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living! "Now still he comes to give us life

and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia! "Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

Journeying together with trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of garden plots and good news, it is Easter. It is finally Easter.

*God of Alleluias, **hear our prayer***

In a world full of grief and heartache, in a world full of violence and oppression, in a world full of loss and separation, we long for this day because Easter sings a different song.

*God of Alleluias, **hear our prayer***

Easter sings a song of hope. Easter sings a song of new life. Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb. Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread. It sounds like trumpets and laughter. It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug. Yes, Easter sings a different song.

*God of Alleluias, **hear our prayer***

*So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope. In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news. In a world full of grief, we're ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. With hope we pray, with hope we listen. **Amen***

OFFERING *Assisting Minister hands out offering plates*

OFFERTORY

Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads at the end of the pew by the aisle. Pass them down the aisle and send them back again. Thank you.

OFFERING RESPONSE

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361 4

**All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!**

**Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray God of grace,

your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God knows our hearts, the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear. God knows that "happy are they who are forgiven," and so we confess in confidence of God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Good and gracious God,

We have sinned and fallen short of the good you desire for us and for all creation. We have seen the earth as resources to extract and forgotten to marvel at its beauty. We have doubted your ability to provide and hoarded more than we need. We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable, and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders, we remained where we were and clung to control. Forgive our sin and our selfishness. Draw us out of ourselves, more deeply into your love, and more fully into a world in need.

God knows our sin before we do and meets every confession with abundant grace. In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven. God's goodness has the final word. May this gift renew our faith and lighten our load so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg 107

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 our thanks and praise.

We praise you, we thank you, God, because the whole universe is filled with your wonders. On this very day you overcome the powers of death and destruction forever, and so, in thankfulness, we join the song of the angels:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg 108

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ELW pg 108

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

ELW pg 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ELW pg 114

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. Amen

Let us pray...

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please rise.

*BLESSING

As you have met God in this place, go now to meet God beyond this place. As you have received the love of Jesus, go now to give the love of Jesus. As the Creator has been all in for you, go now and be all in for the sake of the world. Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you as you go. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

Vs 1 **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Vs 2 **Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

Vs 3 **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** *Refrain*

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace to see, grow and serve to the Glory of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Road to Calvary

Edward Broughton

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Sunday, April 5

Musicians: Parker Knox, Organist; Marsha Mertes, Piano; Dr. Haley Armstrong, trumpet

Readers: 9:00 Dan Cavanaugh, 11:00 Debra Watson

Slides: 9:00 Butch Bowman, 11:00 Owen Mertes

Streaming: 9:00 Jeff Churchill

Ushers/Greeters, Communion Assistants and Altar Care: Worship Team Members – **Thank you for your service this Easter!**

“And the Glory”

The silence breaks into morning.

That One Star lights the world.

*The lily springs to life and
not even Solomon ...*

*Let it begin with singing
and never end!*

Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!

Oh, pilgrims,

*upon your knees in tearful prayer,
rise up*

and take your hearts

and run!

We who were no people

are named anew

God’s people,

for he who was no more

is forevermore.

By Ann Weems “Kneeling in Jerusalem”

