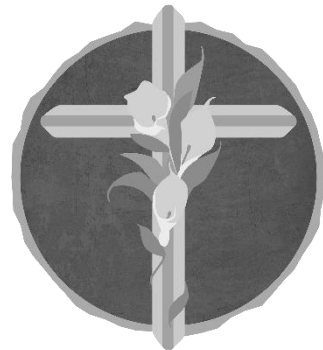


THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY



He Is Risen, Indeed. You Are Risen, Indeed.

April 4, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact, God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled. Death is our common enemy. But God has chosen to do battle with our enemy and has given to all the same victory won by Jesus Christ. The veil of death cast over all is now removed in Christ Jesus. Death and all its terror and power has been answered by the resurrection of Jesus once for all. We participate in this victory in the banquet our Lord has prepared, first in the Holy Communion of His crucified and risen flesh and blood, and then in the marriage feast of the Lamb, which has no end. Though for now we wait by faith for Him to bring to consummation all things, we wait as a people saved by His blood and marked for everlasting life. So let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION:

0 Lord Jesus Christ, who upon this day did conquer death and rise from the dead, and who are alive for ever more. Guide our worship this hour. Help us never to forget your Risen Presence forever with us. Help us to remember, that you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct; That you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console; That you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire; That you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend; That you are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of your side. Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear. You turn our darkness into light, in your light we shall see light. Christ the Lord is risen today! ALLELUIA! Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED:

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you confess the same belief, we invite you to our fellowship of the Lord’s Supper.

WELCOME:

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE: The tomb is dark, but empty, the stone has been rolled away. The burial clothes are put aside. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Welcome to our church family. We’re glad that you are here. We’re honored to share this day with you as we worship God’s risen Son. We hope that God will touch your life as we worship side by side and that you leave this place today with the peace of God inside. Let us worship our Risen Savior!

THE PROCESSION

The Hallelujah Chorus

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: By Your suffering and dying:
People: **deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.**

Pastor: By Your glorious resurrection:
People: **deliver us from this body of death.**

Pastor: By the majesty of Your risen body:
People: **deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our 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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6–9* (He will swallow up death forever.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SELECTION

Minister Terry Dale

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* (Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *2 Timothy 1:10b*

Leader: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

RECITATIONS

Kamryn, Rileigh and Tate Quaites

HYMN“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” TLH 193 Sts. 1&4

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Sons of man and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.

4 Lives again our glorious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O Grave?

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 16:1–8* (He is risen; He is not here!)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

RECITATIONS

PRAISE DANCE

Clania Edwards, Micah Reed, Aniyah Baker

SELECTION

Minister Terry Dale

SERMON

SELECTION

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(We Bring Our Tithes & Offering To The Lord)

CREED **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our

salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Lift our vision from sin and death that we not despair nor grow weary of well-doing as we await the completion of all that our Lord began, and give us the will and desire to use our days to proclaim His victory to the ends of the earth.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. [Hear us especially for *names* and those named in our hearts.]

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, [*especially* . . .], and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.

People: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy (TLH 246 Sts. 1)

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You have given us grace this day to hear in our ears the Good News of our Lord's resurrection and to receive with our lips His crucified and risen body and blood. Grant that by this Holy Communion we be sustained in faith, equipped to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and be kept holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PRAISE DANCE

Kamille Rogers, Laurel Gilberts

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" TLH 200

1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting 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.

3 He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above, He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye, He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears, He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

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!" Amen.



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