

EASTER SUNDAY/THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



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AS WE GATHER

Jesus' resurrection is a very physical act for the life of the man Jesus. "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again," Jesus had said (John 10:18). So now He does. The very good news is that Jesus' resurrection is not just for His sake. As His death was for those of us who in our bodies are dying as the fair consequence for our sins, so now His resurrection is for those of us over whom death was thought to have the final word. Jesus rose bodily, body and soul knit back together eternally. And He promises not some disembodied rest for our souls with Him but a complete resurrection to follow where He has led the way. As we sing in our hymn of the day refrain, "Jesus has risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!"

+ PREPARATION +

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and 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, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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!

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Announcements

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, celebrate our Lord's resurrection, call on Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us confess our sinful condition as well as our sinning in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of our elder Brother, Jesus, who is at the right hand of God interceding for us, let us go to our heavenly Father, seeking His gracious forgiveness, mercy, and love.
- C **Almighty God, Your Son bore our sins in His body on the cross. He truly died and was physically raised to glorious life on this day. Gathered together as His Church, we implore You to forgive our sins for His sake and send Your Holy Spirit, that we may celebrate His resurrection with joyful hope each day until we see Him with You face to face at the eternal banquet of the Lamb in His kingdom. Amen.**
- P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen! Alleluia!**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 ☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,
 al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le - lu - ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then 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 appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes; Breaking our bread, Giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. Jesus the vine, We are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent: Death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

5. City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of Life, Saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Prayer of the Church

P Risen Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SACRAMENT +

The Exhortation

As we describe in the Exhortation - as a church of the Lutheran Confessions - we believe, teach, and confess, that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. All the baptized who understand they are sinners in need of forgiveness and who believe, as Christ's words clearly state, "This is my body", "this is my blood", and understand that Christ offered himself as a sacrifice for sin once for all - as his words say; "for you, for the forgiveness of sin" - are welcome to the Lord's Table. Those who have not yet received instruction are welcome to come for a blessing.

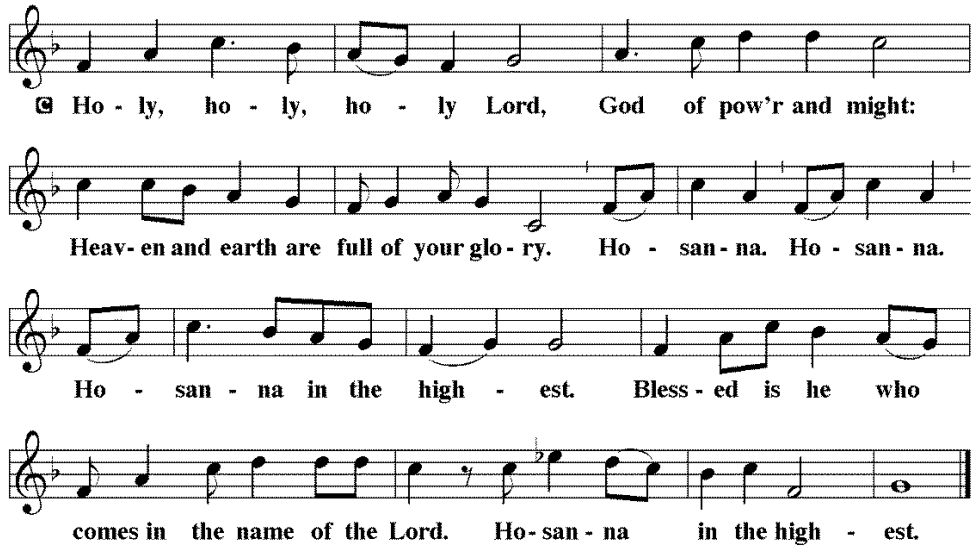
The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

The Words of Institution

The 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

Distribution of the Lord's Supper - Instructions

Ushers will direct traffic flow to exit at the Northeast corner of the parking lot which will take you past the communion station. We will have regular wine and communion wafers available as well as non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper, please stop and inform the servers if you would like either the non-alcoholic wine or the gluten-free wafers. To maintain sanitary conditions during distribution, servers will be wearing gloves and masks and using disposable bowls to pass the elements to the occupants of each vehicle. It's perfectly okay to abstain from the sacrament if you would prefer at this time.

The Benediction

P: 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.
C: Amen

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution/Recessional Hymns

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abound,
Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here;
Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say;
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

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!

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!

Where the paschal blood is poured
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

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!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!