



*“O come, let us fix our eyes on **Jesus**,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the throne of God.”*

*(Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)*

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## The Resurrection of Our Lord

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### As We Gather

*Early on Easter morning, the angel, which means “messenger,” announced what he knew to be true: the tomb was empty because Christ had risen. The women were initially overcome with fear, as anyone would be if confronted by a holy herald from God. Their physical eyes would not see our Lord until He revealed Himself. But we have been given the angel’s eyes, as it were, for by faith we see our Lord with us now. The news the angel proclaimed is too good to keep to ourselves. As God’s messengers today, it is our turn to tell the world that He is risen – for us and for them! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*Our Easter Sunday worship may seem extraordinarily out of sync with our expectations and prior experiences, even more than the other online services that we have had to date. We still will not be able to gather here in God’s house for the high point of the church year because of the CoVid-19 pandemic. Although we cannot be gathered here in the Lord’s house for our Lord’s Supper as we have done in other years, we will be offering the Supper on a drive through basis this Easter morning beginning at 9:00 am. Please see the email blast you were sent recently regarding our drive through communion or our website for instructions on how we will safely accomplish the drive through communion distribution.*

**DO NOTE:** *We have said in other communications that our drive through communion is weather dependent, and if it is windy and rainy we would not celebrate the Supper. However, because the weather forecast for this Easter weekend does include a significant possibility of rain and we were unable to have the drive through communion on Maundy Thursday evening because of wind, we are determined to celebrate the Supper for Easter, if at all possible. Accordingly, it is our plan to have canopies erected in the parking lot to protect the celebration from the rain. So, unless we are in the midst of a full scale thunderstorm, the drive through communion will proceed despite any rain.*

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn: “This Easter Celebration” *Tune: “The Church’s One Foundation.”*

1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we’ve known.

We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.

We’re distant from our neighbors – from worship leaders, too.

No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where’s joy this Easter Day?

With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate Your grace.

3. Our joy won’t come from worship that’s in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.

Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see –  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

## Holy Gospel:

Mark 16:1-8

*ESV*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body.] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them,

A “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”

P And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



P Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Kyrie

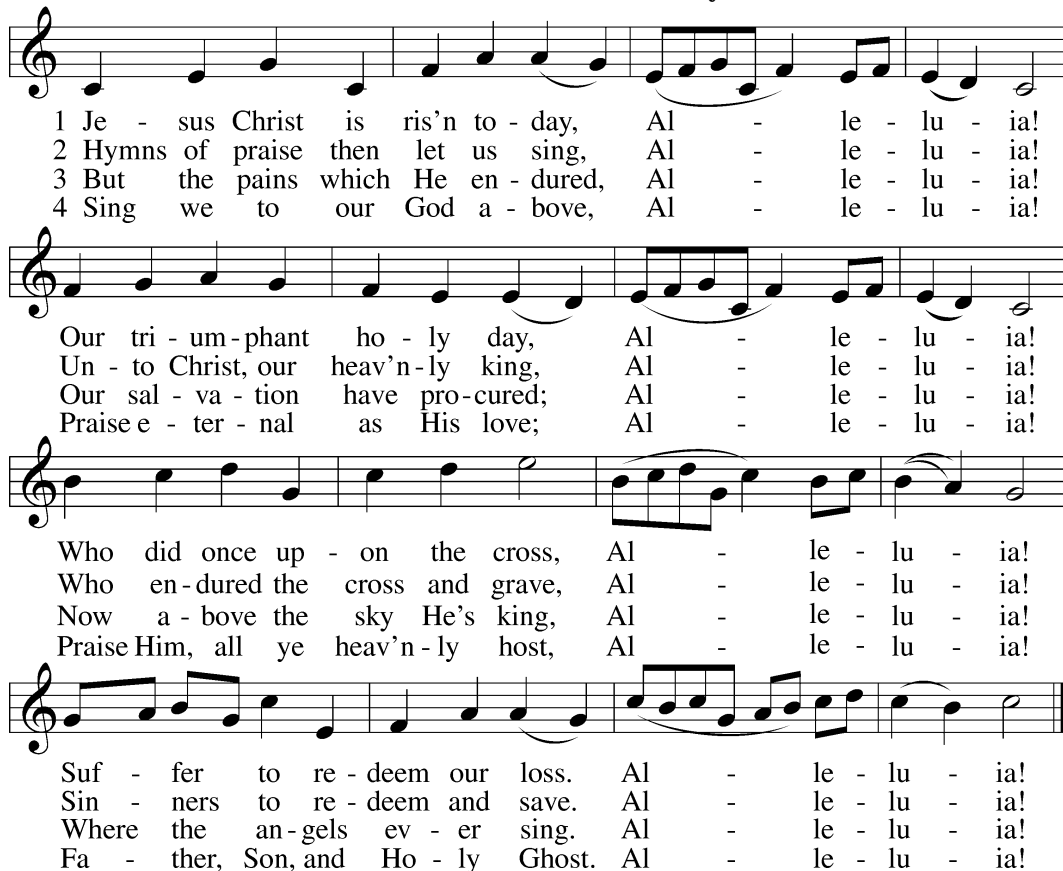
P Let us pray to the Lord:  
That we may recognize the peace and salvation Easter brings;  
That the world may see peace,  
the Church of God may enjoy vitality,  
and we may all be united in Easter faith;  
For all members of the body of Christ, whether here or in their homes,  
who respond to the resurrection in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C Amen.

### Hymn of Praise:

### “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of the Day

P We join in the Collect Prayer of the Day:

C Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Job 19:23-27

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it is written:]*

P [Job exclaims,] “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

ESV

*[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]*

P Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, [that is, Simon Peter,] then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that He

raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

*cf. Isaiah 25:8*

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

*Hosea 13:14*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Tune: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB # 803*

Hymn of Response:

“Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living”

*LSB # 479*

1. Christ is risen, Christ is living,  
Dry your tears, be unafraid!  
Death and darkness could not hold Him,  
Nor the tomb in which He lay.  
Do not look among the dead for  
One who lives forevermore;  
Tell the world that Christ is risen,  
Make it known He goes before.

2. If the Lord had never risen,  
We'd have nothing to believe.  
But His promise can be trusted:  
“You will live, because I live.”  
As we share the death of Adam,  
So in Christ we live again;  
Death has lost its sting and terror,  
Christ the Lord has come to reign.

3. Death has lost its old dominion • Let the world rejoice and shout!  
Christ, the firstborn of the living • Gives us life and leads us out.  
Let us thank our God, who causes • Hope to spring up from the ground;  
Christ is risen, Christ is giving • Life eternal, life profound.

Sermon:

“Angel Eyes”

Mark 16:1-8

## The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

*The Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther*

P We confess our Resurrection Faith with the words of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and its Meaning as taken from the *Small Catechism*:

C As the Head of the Family should teach [the Creed] in a simple way to his household...

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, [God the Father'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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true. Amen.

## Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray together:

C Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

P Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.



- P O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts whether from the pandemic that surrounds us or anything else, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that You have done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You as pastors and teachers and in the various callings of Your Church, who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of Donald, our president; Kim, our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected and appointed officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare, especially as they grapple with the CoViD-19 pandemic, may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Risen Savior, have mercy, spare Your people, and turn this pandemic away! Preserve the sick, comfort the fearful and grant to the dying and those who mourn them Your peace. Hear us on behalf of all those who have asked us to pray for them. Give us healing in accordance with Your will, strength to bear up under the burdens of this mortal life, and comfort and hope in this and every trial. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless all prison workers, that they may be humane and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated with hope for the future and amendment of life, help them to serve their sentences with patience and trust in You, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth. Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

P O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring to You. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O risen Savior, open the hearts of all when they are able to commune, that we may receive to our benefit Your body and blood in Your Holy Supper. Give comfort and certainty for those who long for Your Supper and believe Your Son's holy testament, that they may know they have what Christ says: forgiveness of sins. By this communion, strengthen us in faith and equip us to love one another as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

*At this time other petitions, spoken or silent, may be prayed, each ending*

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

P All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

## Pax Domini

P The peace of our resurrected Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

## Benediction

P The blessing of God Almighty –  
the Father, who sent His Son to certain death in order to give us life,  
the T Son, who left the tomb empty on this day of His rising, and  
the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be messengers of the resurrection  
– be upon you, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Closing Hymn:

### “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB # 461:1-2, 5, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

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.

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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## Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God! Amen!

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