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**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. April 12, 2020**

### **As We Gather**

The spring of souls. The queen of seasons. The royal feast of feasts. With those colorful phrases the ancient writer John of Damascus, who lived in the eighth century, described Easter Day in a classic hymn text. The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries! The action word “go” is central for us this day, as we go in to meet our Lord in worship and go out to share the message of the empty tomb and of the risen Christ, our Lord!

PREPARATION

**Chancel Chimes**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**Opening Hymn**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**LSB #457**

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**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 Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 118:24; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!  
**C** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,
- P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C** He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.  
O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

**P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

**P** We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

**P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

**C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

**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.**

**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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### WORD

#### Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:1–6 (ESV)*

*The Lord has an everlasting love for His people*

<sup>1</sup> "At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people." <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.' "

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Colossians 3:1–4*

*Our lives are hidden with Christ in God*

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** In today's Gospel, we hear the command of the angel to the women as they visited the empty tomb: "Go quickly and tell." The powerful message of the resurrection is of first importance. The women responded, leaving the garden tomb with fear and great joy. They ran to tell the disciples! Today we share the experience of those first witnesses of the resurrection and by God's grace we meet our Lord here in Word and Sacrament.

**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 28:1–10 (ESV)*

*Jesus Christ is risen from the dead*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And 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. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then 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." <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then 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.**

## The Second Article

**C** And in Jesus Christ, His 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.

## Sermon Hymn

*This Easter Celebration*

Tune of The Church's One Foundation

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.

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.

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.

**In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.**

**We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.**

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**Sermon**

Shaken

**Matthew 28:1-10**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

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

*Silence for reflection*

(Each petition will close with; **Lord, in Your mercy...** and the congregation replies: **hear our prayer.**)

<b>Barb</b>	Eleanor	Meghan	Jon
<b>Jackie</b>	Penny	Keiley	Marilyn
<b>Keith</b>	Dale	Alan	Eileen
<b>John</b>	Karol	Henry	Karen
<b>Marilyn</b>	Eileen	Murl	Lori
<b>Kimmy</b>	Kim	Christie	Cathy
<b>Dottie</b>	Glenda	Vern	Charlotte
<b>Bob</b>	Geraldine	Ann	Berlene
<b>Rod</b>	Larry	Logan	Pat
<b>Wayne</b>	Maria	Bob	Lois
<b>Wally</b>	<b>Linda</b>	Emiliano	

**P** These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us, Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Benediction

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

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