

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

Everyone Who Believes

April 12, 2020

**Pastor: Christ is Risen!**

**Response: He is Risen indeed!**



## EASTER WELCOME

**(Pastors Paul and Brouwer)**

We invite all of you watching us this morning to join in this wonderful Easter Hymn.

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**HYMN**      “Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

(Follow words on the Video)

## INVOCATION

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

**People:**      Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

**Pastor:**      This is the day that the LORD has made;

**People:**      **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Pastor:**      Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

**People:**      **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

**Pastor:**      He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

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

### ✘ WORD ✘

## SALUTATION

**Pastor:**      The Lord be with you.

**People:**      **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

## FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–43*

(The disciples are witnesses to the risen Lord.)

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>And 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, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>And 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. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:1–6*

(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.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SONG:** "This is Amazing Grace" (Follow words on the video)

**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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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* (Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

<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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN** "Thine Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son" (Follow and sing with words on the Video)

**SERMON**

**“God’s Impossible Dawn”**

**Dr. Richard Paul  
Senior Pastor**

**EASTER SONG: GLAD**

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**People:** 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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped 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**

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

That the Church would live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the Church, find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, [*including . . .*], know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:**           **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor:           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.

**People:**           **Amen.**

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**People:**           **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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor:           Let us bless the Lord.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**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.

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**HYMN**      **“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**      (Follow words on the video)

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