

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 17, 2022

8:30 AM

“The Tomb is Empty!”

As We Gather

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! A weekend is a relatively short period of time. They go by so quickly. Yet, the time from the death to the resurrection of Jesus must have seemed like an eternity for His disciples. They were most likely hiding in fear and struggling with guilt, anger, frustration, grief, and a multitude of other emotions. All these emotions left them with feelings of emptiness and hopelessness; now what? They had hoped He was the Messiah. Then news came that the tomb was empty. Peter and John ran to the tomb. As the truth of the resurrection unfolds on that first Easter day, the significance of the empty tomb fills the emptiness of their hearts with joy, hope, and peace. The resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to bring hope and peace and joy into the midst of our emptiness. The tomb is empty! He is our Messiah! Alleluia!

Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Lyra Davidica, arr. Mark Parker

Deana Ehlen, flute

Erin Blackwood, piano

+GATHERING +

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457

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!

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!

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!

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!

INVOCATION *(Psalm 118:15-20)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

People: **You have become my salvation.**

Pastor: I will not die but live,
People: **And will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks.
People: **You are my God, and I will exalt You.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
People; **His love endures forever.**

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

Pastor: 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. Alleluia!**

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Messiah, HWV 56: Part II, no. 44

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	and of His Christ;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And He shall reign for ever and ever,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings, and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings, and Lord of lords.
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.	King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	and He shall reign,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	and He shall reign for ever and ever,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	for ever and ever,
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And He shall reign for ever and ever, for
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	ever and ever.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And He shall reign for ever and ever,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings! and Lord of lords!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,	Hallelujah!

+The Service of the Word +

FIRST READING Isaiah 65:17-25

“See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ “Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" **LSB 463**

1 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!

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

2 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!

4 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!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED

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 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.

SERMON

“The Tomb is Empty!” (Preacher: Pastor Mark Heine)

PRAYER

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: Thanks be to God.

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

St. John's People and Families

Rita Alexander
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Nicholas, Natalie, & Sophia Rossmiller
Jae, Amber, & Emma Steward

OFFERING

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hope is alive! Hallelujah!

He is risen!
He is risen as He said!
Death could not hold Him,
Jesus Christ, the crucified.
Bright as the morning,
Jesus Christ now glorified!
Hope is alive!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hope is alive! Hallelujah!

+The Service of Holy Communion+

PREFACE

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.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life’s blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: **Amen.**

COMMUNION

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: **Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: **Amen.**

(Take and drink)

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

LSB 478

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
2 Let hearts be purged of evil
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!
4 All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

Hymn**“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”****LSB 474**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
 Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
 Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

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.

Refrain**Refrain:**

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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!

Refrain**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

+Sending+**Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Hymn**“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”****LSB 477**

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
 Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 He who on the cross a victim
 For the world's salvation bled--
 Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
 Death at last has met defeat:
 See the ancient pow'rs of evil
 In confusion and retreat;

Once He died, and once was buried:
 Now He lives forever more,
 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
 Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high;
 Alleluia to the Savior
 Who has gained the victory;
 Alleluia to the Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity!
 Alleluia, alleluia
 To the triune Majesty.

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Serving in Worship Today

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