



SUNRISE SERVICE

The Resurrection of Our LORD

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Easter Dawn

April 21, 2019

Bells

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Christian Worship 157

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 has 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

The Resurrection according to St. Mark

Mark 16:1-7

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Hymn

“Welcome, Happy Morning”

Christian Worship 163 v 1-2

“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!

Him their true Creator, All his works adore.

“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
God from heav’n beholding Human nature’s fall,

Of the Father’s Godhead You, the only Son,

Mankind to deliver Manhood did put on.

“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

stand

Greeting and Invocation

Pastor/Congregation

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise;

I am saved from my enemies.

The cords of death entangled me, the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;

I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of the deep waters;

He rescued me from my powerful enemy.

The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!

He is the God who avenges me, who saves me from my enemies.

Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O Lord;

I will forever sing praises to your name.

Hymn

“Welcome, Happy Morning”

Christian Worship 163 v 3

He, of life the author, Death did undergo,
Trod the path of darkness, Saving strength to show.

Come, then, True and Faithful, Now fulfill your word;

This is your third morning – Rise, O buried Lord.

“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Confession and Absolution

Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.

By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning!

Hymn

“Welcome, Happy Morning”

Christian Worship 163 v 4

Free the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan’s chain;

All that now is fallen Raise to life again.

Show your face in brightness; Shine in ev’ry land

As in Eden’s garden When the world began.

“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

be seated

Jesus' Resurrection Proves: He Is True God

"He was declared with power to be the Son of God, by his resurrection from the dead."

Romans 1:4

Acts 2:22-24,32,36

"Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. ²³This man, who was handed over by God's set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. ²⁴He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. ³²"This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. ³⁶"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

Christian Worship 154 v 1,2,5

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God; Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus' Resurrection Proves: Our Sins Are Forgiven

"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."

Romans 4:25

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ²Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

"Like The Golden Sun Ascending"

Christian Worship 147 v 1,3,5

Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night,
On the earth its glory spending So that darkness takes to flight,
Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave
Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.

You have died for my transgression; All my sins on you were laid.
You have won for me salvation; On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise And shall meet you in the skies.
Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

For the joy your advent gave me, For your gospel's great reward,
For your baptism which has saved me, For your supper and your Word;
For your death, the bitter scorn, For your resurrection morn:
Lord, I thank you and extol you, And in heav'n I shall behold you.

Jesus' Resurrection Proves: We Too Shall Rise From Death

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

John 11:25

1 Corinthians 15:12-14,17,20-22,51-57

Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ⁵¹Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled: Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Christian Worship 152 v 1-2, 7-8

All 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!

Women He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

Men 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.

All 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!"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Responsive Easter Prayer

Christian Worship page 126

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of our Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

be seated

Jesus' Resurrection Proves: Our Salvation Is Sure

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid." Isaiah 12:2

Revelation 19:1-10

After these things I heard what seemed to be the loud sound of an immense crowd in heaven, saying: Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ²for his judgments are true and just, because he has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and he has avenged his servants' blood that was shed by her hand. ³A second time they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke goes up forever and ever." ⁴Then the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures bowed down and worshipped God, who sits on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" ⁵And from the throne came a voice that said, "Praise our God, all you his servants and you who fear him, small and great." ⁶And I heard what seemed to be the roar of a large crowd or the roar of many waters or the sound of loud rumblings of thunder, saying: Alleluia! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory, because the wedding of the Lamb has come. His bride has made herself ready, ⁸and she was given bright, clean, fine linen to wear. (In fact, the fine linen is the "not guilty" verdicts pronounced on the saints.) ⁹The angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb." He also said to me, "These are the true words of God." ¹⁰And I bowed down at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers, who have the testimony about Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony about Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."



He is Risen!

Hymn

"At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Christian Worship 141

All 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!

Women 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!

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

stand

All 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!

Easter Blessing

It is our risen Lord who said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (*Revelation 1:17-18*). May we rejoice this day that our Savior has conquered death. He has destroyed the powers of hell. He has arisen and set his people free!

May the love of our risen Lord fill your hearts with hope.
May the certainty of his resurrection fill your souls with Joy and peace.
May the power of our risen Lord fill your lives. Alleluia and Amen!

Closing Hymn

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Christian Worship 162

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious,
Life is giving. He was dead, but now is living!

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