

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather today as a community of faith.

C: **We gather to celebrate that nothing can separate us from the love of God:**

L: Not sickness, health, or physical separation;

C: **Not money, power, or access to resources.**

L: We gather to remember that life will always be more powerful than death,

C: **That peace will always be stronger than violence.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

ELW #365



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 you 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!

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen**

BELL ANTHEM (*Recorded*) *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to them from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

L: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

L: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

C: **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

L: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

L: "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came

to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 1Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

ELW #361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy—for the church and its ministry; for the well-being of creation; for peace & justice; for the poor, oppressed, & sick; for all who suffer; for the congregation; & for special concerns/ occasions.

Each petition ends:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

We continue to be the church together during this time through prayer and financial support. You can mail in your offering or send money through your bank. You can also take advantage of our online giving platform on our website. Your giving ensures that the ministries of this congregation continue during this time and into the future.

L: Let us pray. Be known to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. With Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the witnesses to the resurrection, we praise your name.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for the rescue of the Israelites. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, who is God with us.

Having been anointed by one whom he loved, and about to be betrayed by one whom he loved, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the

remembrance of me. After they had finished eating, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying this cup is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people. Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless us as we gather virtually in our homes. Grace our tables, counters, and laps with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth to serve in your name. With your holy ones of all times, places, and locations, and with all of creation, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

L: As we are the body of Christ, we take this sign of Christ's body into ourselves. The body of Christ given for you. Amen.

L: May this sign of God's presence, this shared bread between us, strengthen us and give us peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Care for God's redeemed creation; follow Christ as disciples in word and deed; be blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: Alleluia! Amen!

SENDING HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

ELW #391

Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

DISMISSAL

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go and share the good news!

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



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