

EASTER DAY

The Resurrection of our Lord



I know that my Redeemer lives!

March 27, 2016

AS WE GATHER

Easter gives us the boost we need! The tomb is empty, Jesus lives! Today we will find out that Job needed a hand to guide him and a tender heart to love him. This is exactly what God gave him—and us. Resurrection joy is ours through Job's most famous words, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "Green Book" 151 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

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!

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!

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!

OPENING WORDS *Taken from Psalm 118*

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

People: Amen

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

People: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

Pastor: The Lord's right hand is lifted high: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

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

Pastor: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone:

People: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

OPENING UP TO GOD

Pastor: Let us be truthful about ourselves and begin today by confessing our sins to God our Father.

People: I ask your forgiveness, Lord:

.....for my insensitivity to the needs of others and my reluctance to respond to those needs through willing service and prayer;

.....for the part I play in the world's fallen condition: violence, injustice, hunger, poverty;

.....for neglect of my own spiritual life and that of my family;

.....for presuming upon your love and mercy, forgetting that You suffered dearly to save me

(a time of silence)

Pastor: Even before we confessed our sin, God provided us salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. In His perfect sacrifice, we have received the gift of perfect forgiveness. In His victory over death, we are receiving the gift of eternal life. Now by His authority as your called servant, I announce God's gracious pardon for your sins and also, the promise of His continuing presence and unfailing love. Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen.

† WORD †

CHOIR ANTHEM *Easter Carol By Patti Drennan*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 19:23-26*

“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

EPISTLE 1 *Corinthians 15:19-26*

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:1-12 (Jesus is risen!)*

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

*CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN "Green Book" 143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is Living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is Living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON *"In the flesh"*

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O God of Life, fill our hearts with resurrection joy.

People: Let the radiant beams of Easter's light shine into the depths of our souls.

Pastor: Send the news of Christ's victory over death into all the world.

People: Grant that many more nations may join the hosts of heaven in songs of triumph.

Pastor: In the promise of Easter take away from us the fear of death.

People: Renew us in the Spirit of Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Pastor: O Lord, now use us and all we are to bring glory to Your name.

People: Use us through our daily lives, our resources, and our prayers, to be a blessing in our families, in our communities, and in our world.

Pastor: O Lord, we pray for all who suffer affliction of body, soul, or mind: those recovering from surgery and those who may be close to death. Particularly, we pray for.....and others we now name before You.....O Lord,

People: Heal people in need of your special care and use us to express Your love to them.

Pastor: O Lord, as we eat and drink together and share the very body and blood of our Lord.

People: We ask that we may be united with Christ and with each other, that we may share His glory, and that we may go our way and be His body in the world. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR EASTER OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† SACRAMENT †

*PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

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.

***WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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."

***LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

DISTRIBTUTION

(Communion will be served in a continuous line. For those who choose to receive the blood of Christ in individual cups, please place your empty individual cup in the bowl as you return to your seat. If you do not desire communion, but are desiring a blessing, you are welcomed forward for prayer.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Green Book" 130 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"

All on earth with angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
Everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
Thus to sing and thus to love!

“Red Book” 135 Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own who His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

“Green Book” 145 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness,
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth;
Death hath lost its sting!

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.

People: Amen.

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.

CLOSING HYMN "Green Book" 90 I Know My Redeemer Lives

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 to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**