

Easter Sunrise Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 1, 2018; 8:00 AM

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Service begins in the narthex where we gather before worship.

Lighting the Paschal Candle

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy day when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in celebration. Through light and word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

A Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

C **Bless this light, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness. Amen.**

P Christ, yesterday and today.

C **the beginning and the ending.**

A To Christ belongs time and eternity;

C **To Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. Amen.**

P The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The community will process into the church, following the Easter candle and gather around the baptismal font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Joined together in Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the water at creation.

C **You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.**

P Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock.

C **You brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.**

P By baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Jesus sends us to make disciples,

C **baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ;
C **claim your daughters and sons, no longer slaves and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.**

P The light of Christ.
C **Thanks be to God.**

The community will process to the pews, while the candle is placed in its stand.

Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* **ELW 365** (red book)

The Responsive Litany of Easter Praise

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P The Lord is my strength and my song.
C **The Lord has become my salvation.**

A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
C **I will go through them and praise the Lord.**

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

A This is the day that the Lord has made;
C **we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray . . . O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
C **Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Special Music *Hallelujah* **Lydia Markwart**

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

☐ ³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

☐ ¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

Paraphrase of Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

P A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

C **Glory to you, O lord.**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets.

C **But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Sit

Easter Sunrise Sermon

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367 (red book)

During the Hymn the assembly gathers at the font

Affirmation of Baptism

A Let us pray. Merciful God, we give you thanks for making us your own by the water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself this day, enlightened with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished in the community of faith.

C **Uphold us as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament; in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Renunciation of Evil

P I ask you now to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

Profession of Faith

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

C **In faith I turn to Christ.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Commitment

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism; to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P Let us promise to support each other and pray for each other in our lives in Christ Jesus.

C **We promise, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

A Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C **Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: confirm our faith, guide our lives, empower us in our serving, give us patience in suffering, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Everyone may return to the pews, pausing at the baptismal font to make the sign of the cross with the water

Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379 (red book)

Kneel or sit as you are able

Prayers

A On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

A brief silence

A You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **(sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit, including *Mary Golnek, John Burdick, the Garrett family, Sharon and Rick Duits, Olivia Stoy, Tim Lowe, John Glasgow and Audrey Burdick Newell, Sara and Suzanne.* Lord, in your mercy.

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A Gracious God, hear the individual prayers we lift up to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts:

Here other intersessions may be offered

A Lord, in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

A You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

C *(sung)* **Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another)

Sit

Offering Gifts and Music

Lydia Markwart

Stand as you are able

Offering Song

Day of Arising

ELW 374 (red book)

Offering Prayer

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Ⓐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We life them to the Lord.**

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Ⓐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

☑ **We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.**

Ⓐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

☑ **Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.**

Ⓐ Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

☑ **Through him all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Ⓐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☞ Holy things for holy people.
- ☛ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**
- ☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Breaking of the Bread

You are Holy

ELW 525 (red book)

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

☛ We give you thanks, O God, for making your home with us and bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.

☛ **Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Congregational Announcements

Blessing

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☛ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- ☛ **Amen.**

Hymn

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376 (red book)

Sending

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☛ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☛ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace, share the good news.
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Floral Arrangements

Jeanette Markwart

Linda Melcher

Tom & Cheryl Drumm

Angela Pruitt

Jeannette Ulrich

Kristi Winick

Shayna Gibbons

Jan Schreiner

Kay Howell

Ingrid Morgan

Jenn Rosenberger

