

Easter Sunrise Service

The Resurrection of Our Lord, March 27, 2016; 6:30 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 night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the words, through water and oil, bread and wine, we celebrate 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 **Sanctify this new light, and inflame us with a desire to shine forth with 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.**

P To Christ belongs time and eternity;

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

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

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 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. You 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 to slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,

C **and 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 now swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He 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; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slaves and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,

C 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 their seats, while the candle is placed in its stand.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365 (red book)

Prayer of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A 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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

L A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁷For I am about to create new heaven and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight, ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the dry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of the tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord – and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent – its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

☐ A reading from Acts:

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Sunrise Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

☐ A Reading from the Gospel of John

C Glory to you, O lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings laying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went in the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to

my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

Sit

Easter Sunrise Sermon

Pastor Paul E. Kuhlman

Stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619 (red book)

vs 1-4

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 their seat, pausing at the baptismal font to make the sign of the cross with the water

Sit

Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377 (red book)

Kneel or sit as you are able

Prayers

A On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

A brief silence

A O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the crops of the land. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant to all nations your life of peace and freedom. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. We pray especially for the nations of the Middle East, North and South Korea, and the conflicted nations in Africa. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Visit the needy with your compassionate love. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the suffering. Attend to the dying. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the sign of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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

Here other intercessions may be offered

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Stand as you are able

Offering Song

Let Us Go Now

ELW 523 (red book)

Offering Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

C **As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We life them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

P 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.

C **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.**

P 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, hallowed 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

☩ Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Breaking of the Bread

You are Holy

ELW 525 (red book)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364

☩ 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.

Blessing

☩ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☩ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

☩ Blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of +Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

☩ Amen.

Hymn

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619 (red book)

vs 5-8

Sending

☩ Go in peace! Proclaim the resurrection!

☩ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!