

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

Christ's Resurrection Sets Us Free

April 21, 2019

### AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. That event is a fact of history, but its meaning and importance is that new life is given to us all. Through Isaiah, God had promised a new heaven and a new earth. In Old Testament Israel, every 50<sup>th</sup> year was a year of Jubilee, debts were forgiven, slaves were set free. Jesus' resurrection brings us a never-ending eternal Jubilee. We have a new life in which our sins have been forgiven as we trust that Jesus paid for them all with His death and resurrection. Today's celebration isn't just for a day—it lasts forever!

### WELCOME

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

### ✂ CALL TO WORSHIP ✂

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout salvation  
for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor,  
for the ancient darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church,  
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,  
resound with the praises of God's people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God Almighty  
for the grace to sing His worthy praise:  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

**People: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**7:00 & 9:00 HANDBELLS**

*"Joyous Jubilee"*

### ✂ PREPARATION ✂

*Rise and face the entrance to the Sanctuary*

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**People: we too might walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**People: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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 have 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 ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our sins. Heavenly Father,

**People: we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love you with all that we are and all we have, and we have not always remembered the new life you bestowed on us in Baptism.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus,

**People: we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,

**People: we have not always relied on your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to you in Jesus' name.**

Pastor: Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy.

**People: Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before you in righteousness and purity forever;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**7:00 & 9:00 BELL CHOIR** *"Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"*

✠ **WORD** ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 65:17–25* (God creates anew; remember not the things of the past.) "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

## SANCTUS & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

**People:** ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on those whom you created and sent your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion. Your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### 7:00 & 9:00 CHOIR ANTHEM "Introit For Easter"

**EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:14–26** (Christ is the first fruits of those who will be raised.) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 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 first fruits 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 first fruits, 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### 7:00 & 9:00 CHOIR ANTHEM "Resurrection Morn"

### 11:00 HYMN #463 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

(Rise)

**VERSE**

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

**People: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:1–12* (Angels remind the women of Jesus' words.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

**SERMON HYMN #478 "The Day of Resurrection"**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

(Rise) All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

**SERMON "The Marvelous Jubilee of the Resurrection!" Luke 24:1-12**

(Rise)

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions.

We remember before you, heavenly Father, all in whom your Holy Spirit has worked faith in your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the grave. Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no end.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, Lord over all, those who are unjustly accused, imprisoned, or exiled from their homes. Raise up compassionate rulers to seek out all who languish in jails, prisons, and refugee camps, and grant them speedy justice, freedom, and return to their homes.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth's bounty, and all who care for this good earth. Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, God of every good gift, those who are celebrating in these days, especially Mike and Sandy celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary. Grant all your married children to live together in holy love and forgiveness all their days.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, especially Mary, Charlyn, Cindy, Bill, Wendy, Justin, Sarah, Felicia, Marion, Katie, Susan, Henry, Marge, Dolores, Dick, Herb, Cindy, Arlene, Shirley, Russ, Gladys, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan and Sarah. In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember before you, Lord Jesus, all those who have gone on before us to the glories of heaven, especially Merle Hess. This day we dedicate in her name and to your glory the Cymbelstern for our organ. May the chimes remind us of the glory of Christ's resurrection and the glories yet to come.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, Have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: We remember especially this day, risen Lord, your glorious resurrection from the grave and your presence with us now. Remind us each day of the joy of jubilee and the new life you have given us, so that we live in constant, joyful faith until we see you face-to-face.

**People: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Risen Savior, for your mercy, sing we Amen!**

### OFFERTORY ♪

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What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up you 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.**

### **HYMN #461 "I Know That 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 triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

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, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.

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.

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!

### **HYMN #538 "Praise Be to Christ"**

Praise be to Christ in whom we see The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known, The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth, Whose fingers set the stars in place  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The furthest bounds of time and space.

Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway And will upholds creation's plan;  
Who is, before all worlds began And when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme,  
Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all in all supreme.

Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The fullness of the God-head shares;  
And yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have given us this gracious gift of life. Grant that, remembering our Savior's death and resurrection, we be strengthened to live each day, trusting you joyfully and loving one another fervently; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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.

**People: Amen.**

### **7:00 & 9:00 CHOIR ANTHEM "Hallelujah Chorus" - Handel**

### **11:00 RECESSIONAL HYMN #464 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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