

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION



## EASTER SUNDAY 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* We give thanks to God for sending His Son to live among us, to die on a cross, to rise from the dead, revealing the depth and power of His love for all people. May the love and joy of this day give you strength and hope to face the challenges of our days!

THE PRELUDE: *Aubade* by Brenda Portman Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* by Dale Wood  
*Thine Be The Glory* by Jan Mulder Steven Wade,  
Trumpeter  
*Prelude to Te Deum* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier

THE GATHERING HYMN: ***Jesus Christ is Risen Today*** #365 vv. 1-3  
**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia! our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia! suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Al-le-lu-ia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia! sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia! our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
now above the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia! where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (People read **bold** words.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather on this Resurrection Sunday to celebrate the hope of the world.  
**May the Spirit of the living Christ grant us this hope.**

As we gather, we remember how the first Easter began:  
**Early in the morning, on the first day of the week,**

They gathered in the dark to go to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves,  
**"Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the tomb?"**

And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back  
**and entering the tomb, an angel greeted them, saying,**

"Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.  
**He is not here; for he has been raised!"**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

(The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.  
Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your**

**Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Introduction to the Wartburg College Choir singing at the Wartburg Castle, Eisenach, Germany)

THE ANTHEM: *Ain't No Grave* Wartburg College Choir, Conductor Dr. Lee Nelson

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "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." (Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

(Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**)

**THE GOSPEL VERSE: All Creatures of Our God and King** (Please stand.)

**All creatures of our God and King,**

**lift up your voice with us and sing:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,**

**and silver moon with softer gleam:**

**O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O rushing wind and breezes soft,**

**O clouds that ride the winds aloft:**

**Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice,**

**O lights of evening, find a voice.**

**Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE EASTER GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" 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. (The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paige Gulck, Youth Director

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine is the Glory**

#376 vv. 1-3

**Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu'ring Son;**

**endless is the vic-t'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, con-qu'ring Son;**

**endless is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!**

**Lov-ing-ly 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)  
**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than con-qu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** (Refrain)

THE MESSAGE: "*The Most Surprising Easter*"

Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING AND MUSIC: *I Will Rise* by Chris Tomlin

*Megan Donoff*

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THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

(Please stand.)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. On this day of resurrection, O Christ,

**We offer these gifts in response to Your mercy. May they reflect our gratitude and desire to share with others the hope of the resurrection; in Your holy name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(After each prayer: Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

Gracious God, on this most holy day, Your Son passes from death to life, and the whole creation shouts for joy. We pray that the light of Christ will continue to transform the church, the world, and all in need. Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine the light of Christ on your church gathered in prayer, O God. Lead us to the shadowy places of this world and there give us humility to speak a word of newness and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the light of Christ, fuel justice and equity in and among the nations of this world. We pray particularly for all lands ravaged by strife or warfare. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the light of Christ, warm the hearts of those in need and comfort those who care for them. We pray for all those struggling with health. We pray for our medical community. We pray for all who continue to work at risk to their own health. We pray especially for those who will die soon. Bring them to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

By the light of Christ, we pause to lift our own personal prayers of thanksgiving and concern to You, Lord God. (pause for prayers.) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are light, O God; you are life. We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your care, trusting in the one who is the firstborn of the dead, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks... Do this for the remembrance of me. (+)

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed.**

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

*Lamb of God*

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE SENDING PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

**THE SENDING HYMN: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives***

#619 vv. 1-2, 8

**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 exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his Church in love.**

**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!**

**SENDING WORDS:** Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE: *Postlude on "Hallelujah! Thine the Glory"* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** to Resurrection Sunday worship! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**THANKS** to our worship leaders: Organist/Pianist Fred Johnson, trumpeter Steve Wade, soloist Megan Donoff, lector Cade Galall, AV person Bob Gillespie, all those who helped with decorations, and those who gave lilies.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Nancy and Dan Smith in memory of Lois Probst and Lisa Mers honoring her son Josh's 35th birthday.

**LENTEN COIN BOXES** - Please return boxes to the office. Collection will go to world hunger.

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