

# Easter Day - The Resurrection of Our Lord - March 31, 2024



In today's worship, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. God has promised that all who put their faith in him shall have eternal life and will be raised on the last day to be with Christ forever. For centuries the human race has longed for "signs and wonders" to prove God's existence. The resurrection of Jesus stands as that sign which shines heaven's light upon us. It is God's testimony that he has accepted Christ's sacrifice for sin and opened the door to everlasting life!

## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

LBW - DIVINE SERVICE TWO

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MUSICIANS: KAREN HALL & KAREN WARNELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL & KAREN WARNELL

THE GRACE AND PEACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

SHARE THE PEACE

HE IS RISEN! **HE IS RISEN INDEED! (3 TIMES)**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" LBW #151

**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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

▲ KYRIE (*Spoken*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE (*Sung*) LBW 81

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

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray... God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. **Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

▼ FIRST READING — EXODUS 15: 1-11 (pew Bible pg.67)

▼ SECOND READING — 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-11 (pew Bible pg1142)

▼ KCJAM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ GOSPEL READING W/PROCESSIONAL "CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA" LBW #131:REFRAIN (*Sung*)

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

The Holy Gospel from Mark 16: 1-8 (pew Bible pg. 1014) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ MESSAGE: AFRAID

▲ HYMN "THINE IS THE GLORY" LBW #145

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

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

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

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (*Spoken*)

**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 holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

▲ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Spoken*)

▼ CHOIR ANTHEM - *REJOICE, FOR JESUS IS RISEN*

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.**

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ SANCTUS (*Sung*)

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

▲ THANKSGIVING, INSTITUTION , LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

▲ AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

*(Those who receive the Lord's Supper at their home congregation are welcome to join with us today.)*

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Sung*)

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. **Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

▲ BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

The Lord bless you and keep you... **Amen**

▲ HYMN: "CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!" LBW #131

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Gratefully our hearts adore him As his light once more appears;**

**Bowing down in joy before him, Rising up from griefs and tears. Refrain**

**Christ is risen! All the sadness Of our Lenten fast is o'er;**

**Through the open gates of gladness He returns to life once more;**

**Death and hell before him bending See him rise, the victor now,**

**Angels on his steps attending, Glory round his wounded brow. Refrain**

**Christ is risen! All the sorrow That last evening round him lay**

**Now has found a glorious morrow In the rising of today.**

**See the grave its first fruits giving, Springing up from holy ground;**

**He was dead, but now is living; He was lost, but he is found. Refrain**

**Christ is risen! Hence-forth never Death or hell shall us enthrall;**

**Be we Christ's, in him forever We have triumphed over all.**

**All the doubting and dejection Of our trembling hearts have ceased;**

**Hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. Refrain**

*Refrain:* **Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!**

**Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

Call Committee Prayer

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia!**