

# Easter Day - The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 9, 2023



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 is 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

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN HALL & KAREN WARNELL

### ▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*Spoken*)

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### ▲ ENTRANCE HYMN "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" LBW #151 (*Sung, w/trumpet: Mr. Austin Wegmann*)

**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!**

(Continued)

**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 (*Sung*)

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*)

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 (*Sung*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray... **Amen**

▼ FIRST READING — ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

▼ SECOND READING — COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

▼ KCJAM & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▼ THE BAPTISM OF IVY ROSE BAZEMORE (*Baptismal Rite on back of bulletin*)

▲ 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 St. Matthew, chapter 28:1-10. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."*

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

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

▼ MESSAGE

▲ HYMN "THINE IS THE GLORY" LBW #145 (*Sung, w/trumpet: Mr. Austin Wegmann*)

**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!**

▲ NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

▲ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

▲ THE PEACE *(Spoken)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

▼ CHOIR ANTHEM - "CROWN HIM LORD THIS EASTER DAY!"

▲ 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)*

Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Sung)*

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*)

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, **in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

▲ BENEDICTION (*Sung*)

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

▲ HYMN: "CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!" LBW #131 (*Sung, w/trumpet: Mr. Austin Wegmann*)

**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!**

DISMISSAL (*Spoken*)

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

POSTLUDE

MUSICIANS: KAREN HALL & KAREN WARNELL

TRUMPET: MR. AUSTIN WEGMANN

GUITAR: MR. REGGIE MCDANIEL

## Easter Day – April 9, 2023

*"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.'"*

Matthew 28:5-6

When the women arrived at the tomb, where Jesus had been laid three days prior, an earthquake took place, rolling the stone away from the tomb. An angel descended from above and sat on the stone. You can imagine the fear that must have been running through their veins at this sight! No doubt the women would have collapsed in terror, much like the guards had, but the angel reassured the women, "Do not be afraid."

The women must have been simply astounded at the angel's announcement: Jesus is not here, for he has risen, as he said. The angel's message was a message of comfort, not one of terror. Their Lord, teacher, and dear friend was no longer in the tomb. He had risen!

There is a loving, gentle reminder in the angel's message: "He has risen, as he said." Jesus regularly told His disciples that He would die and then rise from the dead on the third day, but they didn't understand. The angel reminded the women of this promise. He said he was going to rise from the dead, and now he has.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ certainly did happen. Jesus' work that he came to do, while on earth, is finished. Jesus has earned forgiveness for all people, through his death and resurrection. He came to save us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. All who believe in Jesus Christ receive forgiveness of sin. And all who receive forgiveness of sin, receive life eternal and salvation. We, too, need frequent, gentle reminders of Christ's promise, just as the angel gently reminded the women. May we receive God's promise with open hearts, and may we eagerly share his promise of life and salvation with all people.

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