

Family Worship for Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

L: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

L: Let us make our confession to God. **Almighty, God, merciful Father, I a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 16

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; **at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

HYMN OF PRAISE [Jesus Christ is Risen Today](#) (LBW #151, w/lyrics)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL VERSE (Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

L: The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 28. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:1-10

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

MESSAGE

HYMN [I Know That My Redeemer Lives](#) (LBW #353; Organ, w/Lyrics)

THE NICENE CREED

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

EASTER OFFERING

L: Christ gave his all upon the tree, his bloody death your soul to free; God raised him up in victory, eternal life for all to see.

R: I'll give my all, my heart, my soul; his saving death has made me whole; I give to him my life's control, his kingdom's work my daily goal.

PRAYERS (See Prayer Sheet)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Option: Musical Version: [Andrea Bocelli](#))

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

AARONIC BLESSING

L: The LORD bless you and keep you.

L: The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you

L: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

R: And give you peace. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

[Christ is Risen, Alleluia!](#) (LBW #151; Organ, w/lyrics)

[Because He lives](#) (West Coast Choir)

[Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow](#) (Unknown Artist)

[Christ is Risen Indeed](#) (Praise and Harmony Singers)

[I'll Rise Again](#) (Dallas Holm)

EASTER READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Colossians 3:1-4

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

Matthew 28:1-10

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

PRAYERS

- L: In the joy of the resurrection and with the hope of eternal life bursting in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord. **R: With joy in our hearts we will pray.**
- L: For the gift of salvation and the pardon of all our sin, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For daily renewal in the Word and Holy Spirit, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For a purity of heart and mind and the pursuit of all things holy and good, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For the holy Christian Church, scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For all nations, their leaders, cities and communities, and for the health and welfare of all, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For our community, it's schools and churches, businesses and helping agencies, for those whose work is dangerous and for the unemployed, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For all those in need, for the hungry and the homeless, for the widowed and the orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For the sick and the dying, those with chronic pain, those who have anguish of heart and mind, those trapped in addictions and the demon possessed, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For all who suffer from the Coronavirus, all doctors, nurses, and medical personnel caring for the afflicted, all scientists and government officials laboring to end the pandemic, for all parents and children and elderly and all who are homebound at this time, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: For Bible Lutheran Church, it's Council and pastor and members, for our sister congregations and their pastors, for the well-being and witness of all community churches and all Christian people, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: Finally, for all things needful for body and soul that we might live our lives joyfully serving in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord, let us pray: **Hear us, Lord.**
- L: Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, grant us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**