

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021
10:30 am

PRELUDE

GATHERING

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
 Exult, all creation around God's throne! Sound the trumpet of salvation!
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
 Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice, O people of God! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!
 Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!
 Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

#365

1. **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!
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. **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!
4. **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!

GREETING

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE*"This Is the Feast"*

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REFRAIN: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his. **REFRAIN**Sing...with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the lamb forever. Amen. **REFRAIN**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia! **REFRAIN****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**WORD****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****FIRST READING**

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**ANTHEM***"On That Great, Great Mornin"*Mary McDonald
The Battiste Family**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me

has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now All the Vault of heaven Resounds"

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1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on thing above
that we conquer through your triumph;**

grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,

All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends: let us give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for our unity in the body of Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we give you thanks for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in this community of faith. Uphold us, your servants, in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*

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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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***(sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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.**

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy...

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***(sung)* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...

...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

***(sung)* Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

SHARING OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

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1. **"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high: sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**
2. **Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.**
3. **Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.**
4. **Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save: where your victory, O grave?**
5. **Hail the Lord of earth and Heav'n! Praise to thee by both begiv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!**
6. **King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!**

TABLE BLESSING *At the conclusion: Amen*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *At the conclusion: Amen*

SENDING

BENEDICTION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING SONG *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

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1. **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!
2. **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!
3. **Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!**
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
4. **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!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE