

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

He Has Risen; He Is Not Here  
April 4, 2021 - 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM



### AS WE GATHER

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### HYMN

“He’s Risen He’s Risen” *LSB* 480

- 1 **He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
- 2 **The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
- 3 **But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**
- 4 **O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**
- △ 5 **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

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“Now all the Vault” *LSB* 465

- 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! Christ has triumphed!”  
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 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things 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!

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#### INVOCATION

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

#### ENTRANCE RITE

Vicar: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:  
People: have mercy on us.  
Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:  
People: have mercy on us.  
Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:  
People: have mercy on us.  
Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:  
People: have mercy on us.  
Vicar: Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:  
People: have mercy on us.  
Vicar: By Your suffering and dying:  
People: deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.  
Vicar: By Your glorious resurrection:  
People: deliver us from this body of death.  
Vicar: By the majesty of Your risen body:  
People: deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.  
Vicar: Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.  
People: Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN**

- 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 Hail, 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!**

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**SALUTATION**

**Vicar:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Vicar:** Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

- 1 This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain**
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!**
- 2 Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver: Refrain**
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain**

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✘ WORD ✘

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

(He will swallow up death forever.)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**BELLS OF ZION (11:00AM)**

"Christ the Lord is risen today"

**EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

(Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

Vicar: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**

*2 Timothy 1:10b*

**People: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 16:1–8*

(He is risen; He is not here!)

When the Sabbath was past, 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. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Strife is Ore” LSB 464

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor’s triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!
- 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! Refrain

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## SERMON

“Surprise!”  
Mark 16:1-8

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Vicar: Lord, in Your mercy,  
People: hear our prayer.

## CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

**People:** Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

## OFFERING

**BELLS OF ZION (9:30AM)**

"Christ the Lord is risen today"

## OFFERTORY

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" LSB 475 vs 1 & 2

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## ☩ SACRAMENT ☩

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**Vicar:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Vicar:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Vicar:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**Vicar:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

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

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Vicar: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**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.**

## **HOSANNAS**

“No More Night”

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB 461*

- 1 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.**
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.**

- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
 He lives to guide me with His eye;  
 He lives to comfort me when faint;  
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" LSB 741

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense  
 And my Savior, now is living!  
 Knowing this, my confidence  
 Rests upon the hope here given,  
 Though the night of death be fraught  
 Still with many\_an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;  
 Likewise I to life shall waken.  
 He will bring me where He is;  
 Shall my courage then be shaken?  
 Shall I fear, or could the Head  
 Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound  
 By my hope to Christ forever;  
 Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
 Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
 Even death now cannot part  
 From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return  
 To the dust, whence I am taken;  
 But by faith I now discern  
 That from death I shall awaken  
 With my Savior to abide  
 In His glory, at His side.

- 5 **Glorified, I shall anew  
With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view  
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see  
Jesus Christ eternally.**
- 6 **Then take comfort and rejoice,  
For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred  
When the trumpet's blast is heard.**
- 7 **Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave  
And at death no longer tremble;  
He, the Lord, who came to save  
Will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet,  
Treading death beneath their feet.**
- 8 **O, then, draw away your hearts  
From all pleasures base and hollow;  
Strive to share what He imparts  
While you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!**

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"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" *LSB* 633

- 1 **At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side.  
Alleluia!**
- 2 **Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!**
- 3 **Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!**
- 4 **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!**

5 **Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!**

6 **Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

7 **Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**

△ 8 **Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

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#### **DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**People:** Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek 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 THANKSGIVING**

**Vicar:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**Vicar:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

#### **DISMISSAL**

**Vicar:** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Vicar:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**HYMN**

**CONGREGATION: VS. 1**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did one, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

*HOSANNAS: VS. 2*

**CONGREGATION: VS. 3**

**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!**