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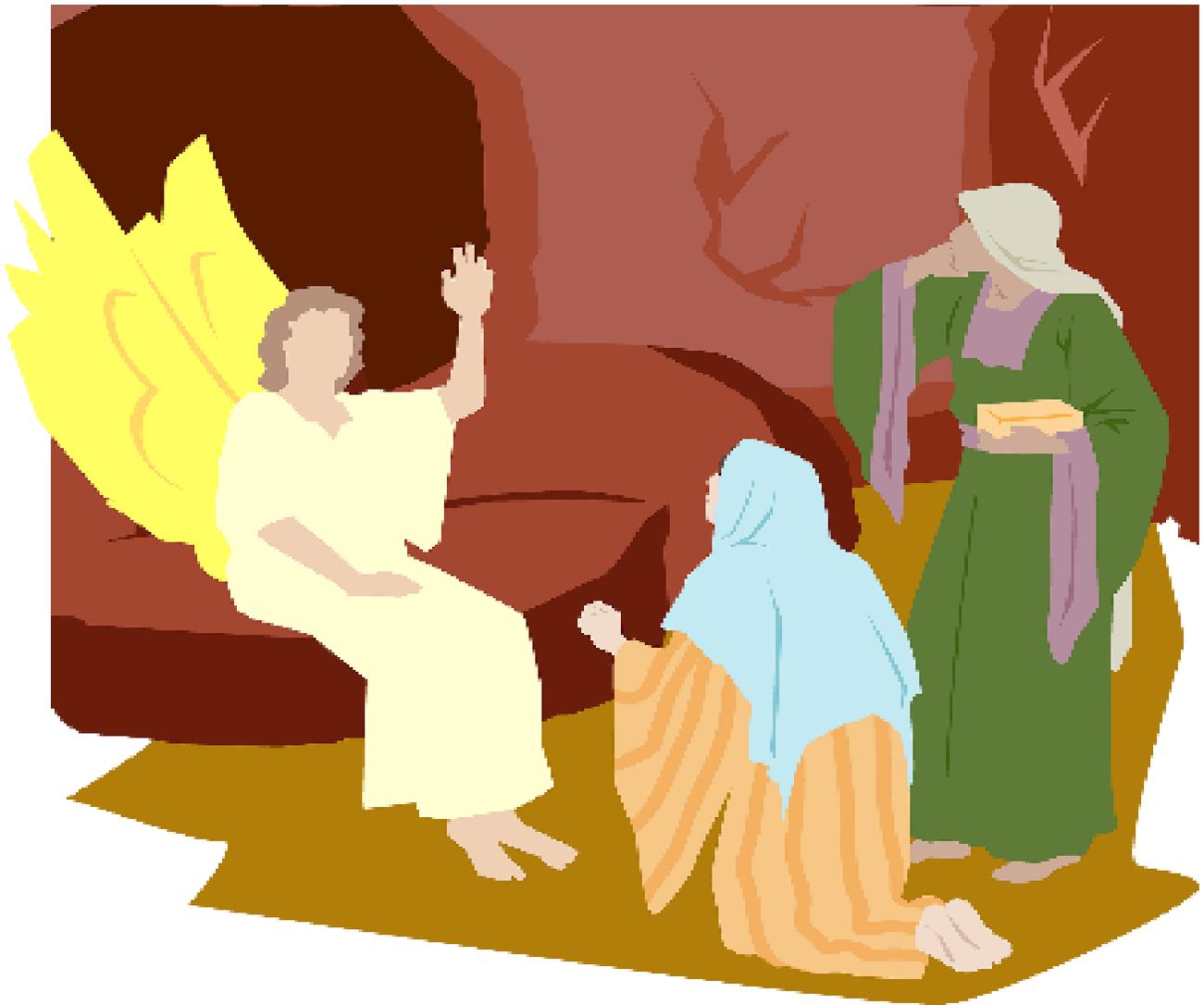
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# **Easter Sunday**

## **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



## **HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR SERVICE**

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### **AS WE GATHER**

The spring of souls. The queen of seasons. The royal feast of feasts. With those colorful phrases the ancient writer John of Damascus, who lived in the eighth century, described Easter Day in a classic hymn text. The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries! The action word “go” is central for us this day, as we go in to meet our Lord in worship and go out to share the message of the empty tomb and of the risen Christ, our Lord!

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

LSB 457

### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People:** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Pastor:** Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

**People:** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

**Pastor:** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People:** **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**People:** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**Pastor:** We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.

**People:** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**Pastor:** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**People:** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**People: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **† WORD †**

#### **FIRST READING**

*Acts 10:34–43*

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 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. 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, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, 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. 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. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Colossians 3:1–4*

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 28:1–10*

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. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 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. 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.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON HYMN**

*“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

LSB 480

### **SERMON**

*“The Cross of Glory -Victory!”*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

## **CREED**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions. We remember before You, heavenly Father, all in whom Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in Your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the grave.

**People:** **Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no end.**

Pastor: We remember before You, Lord over all, those who are unjustly accused, imprisoned, or exiled from their homes.

**People:** **Raise up compassionate rulers to seek out all who languish in jails, prisons, and refugee camps, and grant them speedy justice, freedom, and return to their homes.**

Pastor: We remember before You, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth's bounty, and all who care for this good earth.

**People:** **Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.**

Pastor: We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, [*especially . . .*]. In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future. Lord, in Your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember especially this day, risen Lord, Your glorious resurrection from the grave and Your presence with us now.

**People:** **Remind us each day of the new life You have given us so that we live in constant, joyful faith until we see You face-to-face.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!**

## OFFERING

### ✠CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER✠

#### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

#### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** With joyful praise, Lord God, we bless You this day for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be a perfect sacrifice so that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. Grant that our lives know the peace that surpasses all understanding. Invited by Your grace, grant that we come to Your Table with grateful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, that we live with confidence, securely awaiting the eternal feast with all the saints in glory.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION/INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O Lord God, heavenly Father, Ruler of all things, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this wondrous Sacrament, we die daily through Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your glory for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Raise your praises high!  
**People: With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, His wondrous love to see.**  
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!  
**People: From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen, death’s dark reign is done!  
**People: God’s Holy Spirit guide our steps till life on earth is past.**  
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Victory is won!  
**People: So by God’s grace we take our place in paradise at last!**

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

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

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**      *“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*      LSB 461 vs. 1-4, 7 & 8



**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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