

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day
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On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

Clarke

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY 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-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged 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 forever. 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.

HYMN #365 Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today *(sung by cantors)*

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Crown Him, King of Kings* Johann Sebastian Bach Cantors

SECOND LESSON

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, ²through 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. ³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether 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.**

GREGORIAN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*cantors*)

Handbells

Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Repeat antiphon*

GOSPEL

The Gospel according to 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.

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

SERMON

“Unfinished Business”

Pastor Laurie A Jones



HYMN #376 Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glo - ry Ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with -

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con - qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Where thy bod - y lay, Thine is the glo - ry Ri - sen, con - qu'ring Son;
 Death hath lost its sting! To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

NICENE CREED

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us confess our Christian faith using the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANTHEM *Praise to God, Who Rules Above* Handel Cantors

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
And al - so with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the hymn 'Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on the upper staff of each system, and the accompaniment is on the lower staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name:

SANCTUS

Organ
Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Organ Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Detailed description: This musical score is for the 'Sanctus' section. It features a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of three sharps. The score includes organ accompaniment, indicated by the word 'Organ' below the first and fourth staves. The vocal line is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 risen 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, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it for all to eat saying, “This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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.”

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness of our sin and the gift of salvation that comes to us in the bread and wine poured out for us in Christ's own body and blood, you are invited to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are communing with others from your household, you may commune one another. Otherwise, you may self-administer the elements.

MUSIC DURING HOLY COMMUNION

Andante from **Trumpet Concerto**

Haydn

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

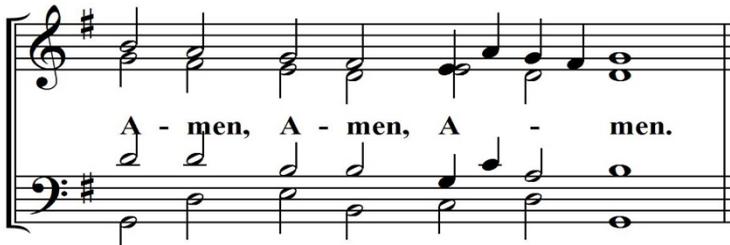
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



EASTER PEAL

The Carillon

HYMN #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds *(sung by cantors)*



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that still a - bounds:
2. E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings:
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things a - bove
4. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing:



"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear!
"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he comes to give us life
that we con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day
"Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord,



Re - peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
and by his pres - ence stills all strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
that by our lives we tru - ly say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata* from the **Fifth Organ Symphony** -- Widor

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You are invited to join us via Zoom at 11am today to hear pre-recorded Easter greetings from our children and to share Easter greetings with one another. Click [here](#) to receive the Zoom link directly to your inbox. (Please note: Our weekly 11am Zoom Worship will resume next Sunday.)

Today's Worship Leaders

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Assisting Minister: Vicar Ben Nickodemus

Crucifer: Peter Christensen

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