Order of Worship for Easter April 9, 2023

SONG "Worthy is the Lamb"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This is a Day for Rising"

performed by King of Glory Choir

directed by Julie Shadinger

On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, Indeed! Hallelujah!

PRAYER

O God of all, You call us into a new world, a world created by Your Son, our Risen Lord. Let us share in Christ's new life by living beyond our possessions and self-satisfaction. Let us do Your loving will, O God, as Your New Creation comes to life and grows within us every day; we pray this through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN "Jesus Chris is Risen Today" ELW 365

LESSON

Acts 10:34-48

The lesson is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter ten, verses thirty-four through forty-eight.

Luke writes:

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears Him and practices righteousness is acceptable to Him. 36 You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how 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. 39 We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, 40 but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear, 41 not 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. 42 He 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. 43 All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

GOSPEL

John 20:11-23

The Gospel according to John, chapter twenty, verses eleven through twenty-three. John writes:

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not touch Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that He had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." ²² When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

MESSAGE "Easter Day" Rev. David Hewitt

As Pastor David teaches, we see that Easter is not just celebrating something that happened two thousand years ago. It is something we can celebrate NOW!

SONG "In Christ Alone"

OFFERING

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AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

For those worshipping in-house, we invite you to come forward if you wish. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, you may do so.

For those joining us online,

If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and peace, now and forever. Amen!

HYMN "Thine is the Glory" ELW 376

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God's peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

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