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He Is  
**RISEN!**

Resurrection  
**SUNDAY!**

8:15 a.m. Sun., March 31, 2024

# *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

## *Easter Sunday*

March 31, 2024 8:15 AM

**Theme of the day:** Today's goal is to both profess Easter and possess Easter. Easter happened. That's profess. Easter is happening in me. That's possess!

### **PRAYER BEFORE SERVICE**

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **+++ SERVICE OF LIGHT +++**

#### **LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE**

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

#### **PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

P: The light of Christ.

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#### **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

P: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation

**C: for the victory of our mighty King.**

P: Rejoice and sing now, all the earth, bright with a glorious splendor,

**C: for the ancient darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.**

P: Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light,

**C: resound with the praises of God's people.**

P: All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God Almighty

**C: for the grace to sing His worthy praise:**

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**C: one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: 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.

**C: 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;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## +++ PREPARATION +++

## OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457

(Please stand, as you are able, for the last stanza)

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C: we too might walk in newness of life.**

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**C: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:17*

P: On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our sins.

*(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.)*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.**

P: Lord Jesus,

**C: we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

P: O Holy Spirit,

**C: we have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus' name.**

P: Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1–18

*(The Song of Moses.)*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup>You blew

with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup>You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup>"You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. <sup>14</sup>The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup>Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. <sup>16</sup>Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. <sup>17</sup>You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. <sup>18</sup>The LORD will reign forever and ever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**    adapt. from *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

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

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

**C: He has put all things under His feet.**

**EPISTLE**

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*(Paul, persecutor of Christians, is one of many people who saw Jesus alive after death. The news is of primary importance for people of faith.)*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are

still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”    LSB 463

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**    *(2 Timothy 1:10b)*

P: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

**C: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1–8

*(The women are so shocked by the news of the resurrection that they initially tell no one.)*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the

tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man

sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465

**SERMON** Exodus: Let My People Go! "Against All Odds!" (Ex 15:1–18)

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**OFFERING** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LSB 466

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions.

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

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

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

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P: Grant Your continued blessing, O Lord, to Your servant, Francis Sulzbach to whom You have granted length of one hundred years in this present life. May she know Your loving-kindness, abide in the confession of Your care and protection, and in all things give You thanks;

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P: We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, especially Betty Moser and also be with those dealing with ongoing sicknesses: Pat Berger-Conlon, Jeanette Amble, Barb Hageman, Linda Brinkert, Don Lantis, Judy Seaman, Steve Segebart, Bernie Attema, Jacob Sulzbach, Vickie Johnson, Ron Will, Carolyn Stuhr, and Kim and Sharon Sparr. 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.

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P: We remember before You, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P: Lord, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week that they remain faithful to your Word including: Alicia Behrens, Jacey Kennedy, Demetria Knutson, Frieda Lehr, Clarence Anderson, Tony Figge, Matthew Lee, Nathalia Young, Pat Berger-Conlon, Raymond Kissinger, Connie Brown, Marlis Friesner, Bethany Sanders, William Abbe, Robert Greene and Brenda Petersen

**C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

P: 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.

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

P: 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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 vs. 1-4

### DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### SILENT PRAYER

### POSTLUDE

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