



Easter Festival Service
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
April 16, 2017

Bells

The Resurrection of our Lord

John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹ but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Adult Choir

“Rejoice This Easter Day!” by Don Besig

Alleluia, alleluia, sing with joy this glorious morn! Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus lives; the earth is reborn! Now the chains of death have been broken; the resurrection has come. Now, in Christ, we all are redeemed; now our salvation is won. Alleluia, alleluia, come behold the empty grave. Alleluia, alleluia, come rejoice this bright Easter day!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; let all of creation ring! Proclaim the news, the wonderful news of Christ, the risen King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, give thanks, and sing!

(Repeat verse 1) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Salutation

Pastor/Congregation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

The LORD Almighty will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations!

He will swallow up death forever. Alleluia!

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces!

He will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. Alleluia!

Your dead will live; their bodies will rise.

You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Alleluia!

Your dew is like the dew of the morning;

The earth will give birth to her dead. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

CW 157 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord’s resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Christ’s physical resurrection from the dead is the very foundation of our Christian faith.

¹² If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

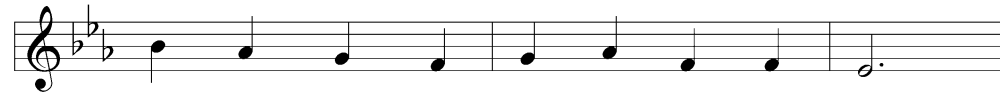
721 If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death



1 If Christ had not been raised from death,
 2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb,
 3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised,



Our faith would be in vain, Our preach - ing but a
 Then death would be the end, And we should face our
 His Church would live a lie; His name should nev - er -



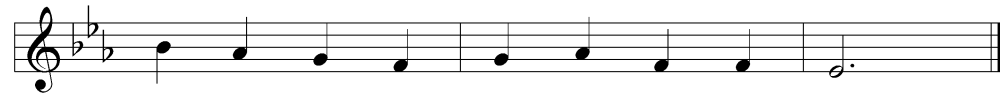
waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
 fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
 more be praised; His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed. He
 But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So
 But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through



rules in earth and heav'n: His gos - pel meets a
 when a Chris - tian dies We mourn, yet look to
 him we are re - stored; His Word en - dures, his



world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
 God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
 Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

Lesson

Job 19:23-27

God's people have always confessed, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.”

²³ Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Hymn

CW 152:1-4 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

All 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!

Women He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.
 He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

Men 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.

All 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.

Lesson

Romans 6:3-11

We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

³ Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn CW 152:5-8 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

All 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.

Font Side 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.

Ambo Side 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.

All 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!”

Lesson Romans 8:18-25

Christ’s resurrection gives us the sure hope of our own resurrection.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hymn of the Day CW 160 “This Joyful Eastertide”

This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now is Christ arisen!

Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

Sermon Luke 24:1-8

¹ On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

Repent: Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life

Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier

Sermon Response CW 143:1 & 4 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

He’s risen, he’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.

Oh, 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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. **Christ is risen!** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive. **He is risen indeed!** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification. **Alleluia!** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead. **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave. **You have**

conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope. With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt. **You are risen!** Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us. **You are risen indeed!** Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation. **Alleluia!** Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord. **We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.** Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. **He is risen!** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. **He is risen indeed!** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer . . . Special prayers and intercessions

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb. **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

CW 145 *“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”*

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me he died; Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from him shall sever,
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate to life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: “Jesus is my confidence!”

Closing Prayer

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, preserve in all your people the Spirit of adoption which you have given that they may serve you in faith and joy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
(spoken) **Amen.**

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.
(spoken) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

CW 149 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

“Christ the Lord is ris'n today!” Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save; Where your victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'wing our exalted head.
Made like him, like him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word; Praise the resurrected Lord!



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