

The Resurrection of Our LORD

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Easter Day, April 1, 2018

Bells

Opening Hymn

“Alleluia No. 1”

The congregation is asked to join the choir in singing the bold portions.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!
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Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Verse 2

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Verse 3

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Verse 4

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

please stand

Call to Worship

Pastor/Congregation

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!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, when you rose victorious from death, you gave us a day of great rejoicing. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out to celebrate the good news of your resurrection, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

please be seated

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

Isaiah writes a song a praise about God's mighty deliverance. A deliverance that would come through Jesus Christ, our Eternal High Priest.

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Hymn 157

**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!**

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Jesus, our Eternal High Priest, gives us absolute victory over sin and death.

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn 157

**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!**

**please stand for the singing of the last verse.*

**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!**

Gospel Lesson:

John 20:1-18

The account of the Resurrection. By arising from the dead, Jesus showed his divine nature as our Eternal High Priest.

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. 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!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus’ head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 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.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. “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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

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.’” 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.

please be seated

Hymn

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

Hymn 143

Congregation

**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.**

Choir

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to a tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

Congregation

**But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes.
The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high;
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.**

Choir

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.

Congregation

**Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.**

Sermon

Hebrews 7:23-27

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

“Jesus Is Our Eternal High Priest”

please stand

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Hymn 152

**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!**

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

**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.**

Confession of Faith

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

Hymn 152

**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.**

**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!”**

please be seated

Offering

please stand

Prayer of the Church

Pastor/Congregation

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! He is risen indeed!** As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ. **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

please be seated

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