

Easter Festival Service

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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Bells

The Resurrection according to St. Matthew Chapters 27 & 28

⁶²On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead.' And this last deception will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard. ²⁸After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" ⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



Adult Choir

“Christ is Risen, Alleluia!”

by Jay Althouse

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said.

Alleluia, sing his praises! He is risen from the dead.

Now a brighter day is dawning; hear the angel voices cry. All the earth with joy is waking. Glory be to God on high. See the tomb where he was taken; now the stone is rolled away. He ascended up to heaven on this joyful Easter day.

He has triumphed over darkness, rising up to heaven on high.
Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing to the earth and sea and sky!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say Alleluia! Raise your joy
and triumph high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said. Alleluia, sing his praises! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen. For Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Stand

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 **“This Joyful Eastertide”**
CW 160

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

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

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.

Be Seated

Adult Choir **“Run, O Run to Jerusalem”**
by David W. Music

Run, O run to Jerusalem, Christ the Lord is risen today.
Go tell John and Peter to come, Alleluia! Now the stone is rolled away,
see the place where Jesus lay, earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Run, O run to the garden tomb, raise your joys and triumph high,
stoop, look inside the empty room, Alleluia! Why seek the living among the dead?
He is risen as he said. Lives again, our glorious Head, Alleluia!

Run, O run let the story be heard, love's redeeming work is done,
let earth resound with the glorious word, Alleluia! Sing, rejoice,
no longer grieve, now the words of Christ receive, be not faithless, but believe, Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made, sing ye heavens and earth reply,
let us rejoice, be glad always, Alleluia! Sing the praise of him who died,
Jesus Christ, the crucified, risen now and glorified, Alleluia!

First Lesson **Job 19:23-27**
God's people have always confessed, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.”

Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were
inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my

Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

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

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.

Second Lesson **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**
Christ’s resurrection was foretold in the Scriptures and verified by a host of witnesses.

Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. ²You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. ⁶After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God’s church. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn’t my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). ¹¹So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

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

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.

Stand
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!”

Gospel **Luke 24:1-12**

The angels announced the resurrection to the women at the tomb.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. ²They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. ³When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground. The men said to them, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again?” ⁸Then they remembered his words. ⁹When they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹Yet these words seemed to them like nonsense, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over to look in, he saw only the strips of linen cloth. He went home, amazed at what had happened.

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

CW 150

Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia! Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinners’ stead. Alleluia!
“Christ is ris’n,” today we cry; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!
While, in strange and awefull strife, Alleluia! Met together Death and Life. Alleluia!

Stand

Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia! Now the first-born from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and pow’r, Alleluia! Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

Sermon

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel.

Be Seated

Remember Jesus Christ: He Is Risen!

Sermon Response

“Morning Breaks upon the Tomb”

CW 159

Stand

Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies, See the glorious Savior rise.

You who are of death afraid, Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.

Christian, dry your flowing tears; Chase your unbelieving fears.
Look on his deserted grave; Doubt no more his pow’r to save.

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

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.

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.**

Be Seated

Hymn

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen!”

CW 143

All

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.

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

Women 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.

All 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.

Stand
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.

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.

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.

Amen.

Be Seated

Closing Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

CW 149

All

“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.

Font Side

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

Ambo Side

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

All

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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