

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION SERVICE

DIVINE SERVICE I

APRIL 12, 2020 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “*This Joyful Eastertide*” [LSB 482]

1.
**This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain***

**Refrain
Had Christ, Who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But
now has Christ arisen!**

2.
**Death’s flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver: *Refrain***

3.
**My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain***

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Please stand*) (Page 151)

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have Mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

P In the Mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God Forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the Power to become the Children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, Who has begun this Good Work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our LORD Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN “*I Know My Redeemer Lives*” [LSB 461]

1.
**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.**

2.
**He lives Triumphant from the grave;
He lives Eternally to save;
He lives All-Glorious in the sky;
He lives Exalted there on high.**

3.
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.

4.
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.

5.
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.

6.
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.

7.
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.

8. ▲
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!

KYRIE ~ LORD, Have Mercy ~ (Page 152)

P In peace let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For the Peace from above and for our Salvation let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P For this Holy House and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
C LORD, have Mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the Feast of Victory” (Page 155)

This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose Blood set us free to be People of God.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Power, Riches, Wisdom and Strength, and Honor, Blessing, and Glory are His.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, Honor, Glory, and Might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His Reign. Alleluia.
This is the Feast of Victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY (Page 156)

P The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.

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. 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; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ☩ one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

“So Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶ As for the Word that He Sent to Israel, Preaching Good News of Peace through Jesus Christ (He is LORD of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power. He went about doing Good and Healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that He did both in

the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a Tree, ⁴⁰ but God Raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been Chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He Rose from the dead. ⁴² And He Commanded us to Preach to the people and to testify that He is the One Appointed by God to be Judge of the Living and the dead. ⁴³ To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives Forgiveness of sins through His Name.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

R Christ has risen | from the dead.*
[God the Father] has Crowned Him with Glory and | Honor,
He has given Him Dominion over the works | of His hands;*
He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:1-4

“If then you have been Raised with Christ, seek the things that are Above, where Christ is, Seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are Above, not on things that are on earth. ³

For you have died, and your Life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ Who is your Life appears, then you also will appear with Him in Glory.”

P This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE: “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” [LSB 466]

1.
**Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Refrain:
Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

2.
**For three long days the grave did its worst Until
its strength by God was dispersed. He Who gives
Life did death undergo; And in its conquest His
might did show. Refrain**

3.
**The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus Who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.”
Refrain**

4.
**“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He
has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.”
Refrain**

5.
**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.
Refrain**

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD (Page 157)

“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the LORD descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus Who was Crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for He has

Risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His Disciples that He has Risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.’ ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His Disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of His feet and Worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.’”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” [LSB 474]

1.
Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

Refrain:
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2.
Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain

3.
Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4.
Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5.
City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

SERMON: “Angel Eyes”

NICENE CREED *(Please stand as we confess our faith)* (Page 158)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P LORD God, Heavenly Father, on this Glorious day fill Your people with a Holy Fear at the Resurrection of Your Son, that they might tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the Truth of Your Almighty Power to Save ...

After each portion of prayers: **P** LORD, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P ... trusting in Your Mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, **✠** Who lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *(Please be seated)*

LORD’S PRAYER (Page 162)

P LORD, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECTS (Page 166)

P We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, **✠** our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION (Page 166)

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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”..... [LSB 457]

1.

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!

2.

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!

3.

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our
salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above
the sky He’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels
ever sing. Alleluia!

4.

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His Love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly Host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

