

Good Morning! Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

*The stone has been rolled away! Our Savior is alive, and that changes everything! As we have journeyed through the season of Lent over the last forty days, we have anticipated the joy that we share together this Easter 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**. Our sermon for today is titled, "Against All Odds!"*



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Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
8:00 SUNRISE SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

Ken Thies

(Please join us as we gather in the Resurrection Garden, just outside of the southwest exit in the church)

Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Invocation

P: We gather together in this special place to reflect on God's creation, His Son's death, and His resurrection. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Easter Litany

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

(selected verses from Psalm 118)

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation

P: The LORD'S right arm has done marvelous things!

P: The LORD'S right arm is raised in triumph.

P: The LORD'S right arm has done marvelous things!

P: We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him.²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸And 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.

Easter Acclamation

P: Christ is risen from the dead, alleluia.

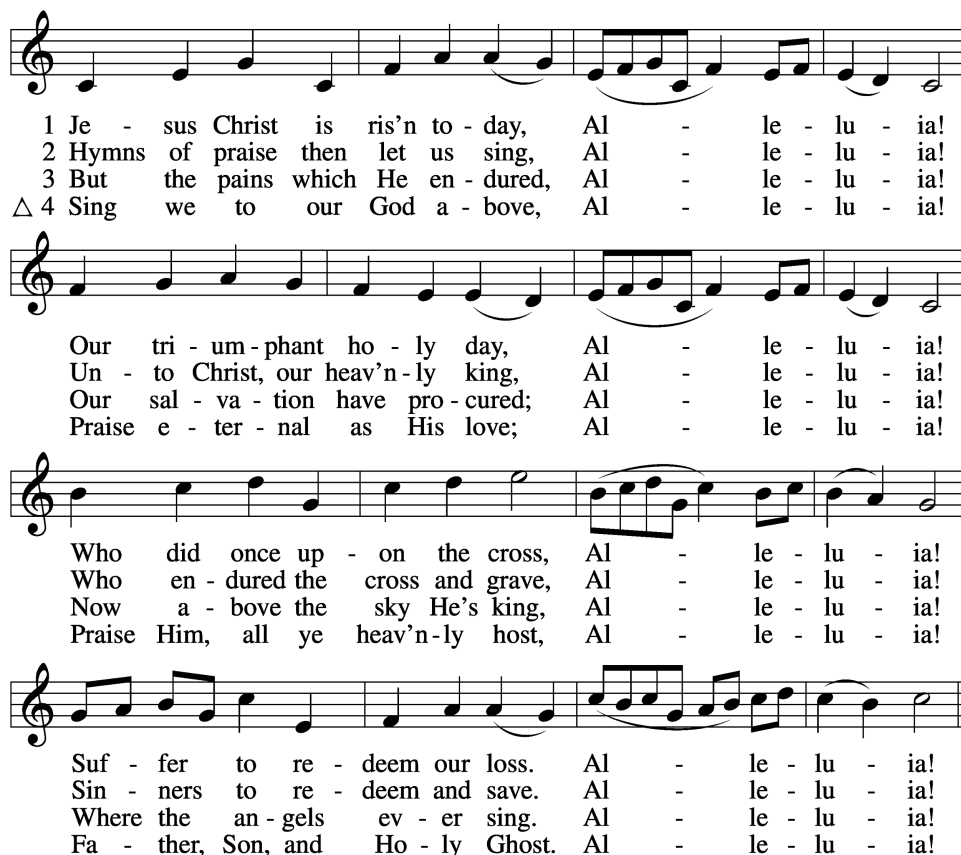
C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

(The congregation enters the Sanctuary to worship the Risen Christ)

Entrance Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LSB #457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Confession and Absolution

Based on Philippians 2:1-11

P: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

(We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.)

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

P: Your Father led His people of old to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. You also have promised us the gift of unending life, which we sinners do not deserve.

C: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

P: To forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

C: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. On this very day He conquered sin and death, opening for us the way to life everlasting in the promised land of heaven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16:7-11

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel

C: In the night also my heart instructs me.

P: I have set the Lord always before me

C: Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices

C: My flesh also dwells secure

P: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol

C: Or let Your Holy One see corruption

P: You make known to me the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy

C: At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

LSB p.155

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-18

R: The Old Testament Reading for this Easter Sunday is from Exodus, the fifteenth chapter.

Moses and the people rejoice that God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt, and was now leading them to the Promised Land.

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. ² 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.³ The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸ 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.⁹ 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.'¹⁰ You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.¹¹ "Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ¹² You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.¹³ "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.¹⁶ 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.

¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

R: The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter:

The Apostle Paul tells us the great Easter promise that we will rise bodily.

Because Jesus rose, death itself has been defeated.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Alleluia”

Trinity Choir

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28: 1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eight chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Nicene Creed

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.

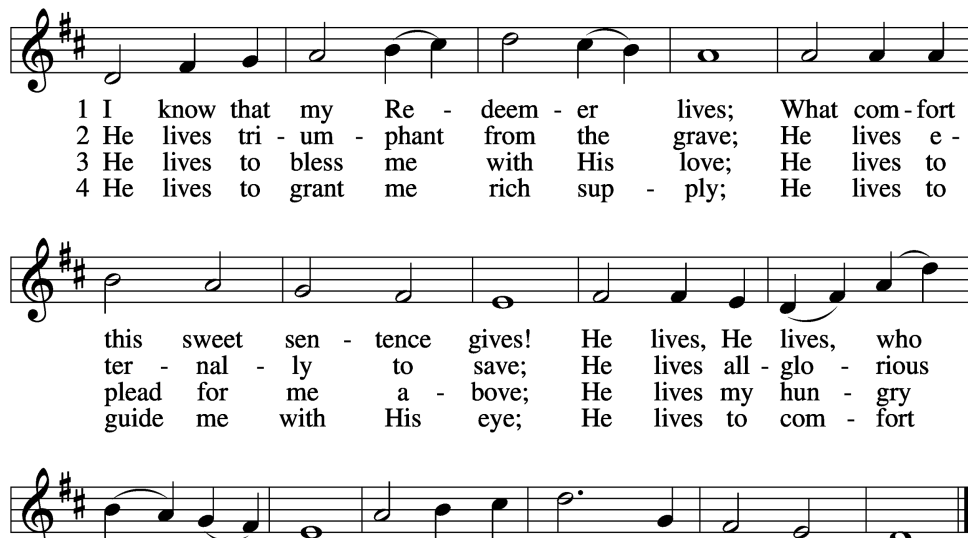
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Childrens' Message

Sermon Hymn

"I know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB #461 vss1-4,6,8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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.

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!

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Sermon

"Against All Odds!"

Exodus 15:1-8

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds "

LSB #465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, 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 Thee by both be giv'n!

Thee we greet triumphant now:

Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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