



**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day, 2021**

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE at 8:30 and 11:00

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We encourage you to prepare for worship: gather the family, light candles, lay out bread and wine or grape juice. It doesn't need to be fancy, but do take the time to do what is necessary to make attending virtual worship a true spiritual practice for you.

You are welcome at this meal.

We welcome the return of 'Alleluias' and the Hymns of Praise to the Sunday liturgies. They have been missing from our worship song through the weeks of Lent. Watch for special alleluia "Easter Eggs" throughout today's service.

+GATHERING+

PRELUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne

*INVOCATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 you 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!

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

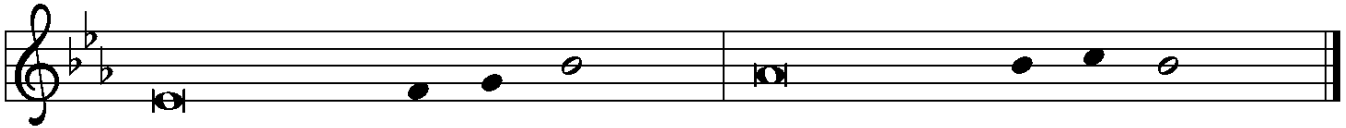
Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge

of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (sung responsively, choir/**congregation**)



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy en-¹dures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy en-¹dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength¹ and my song,
and has become¹ my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents¹ of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks¹ to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate¹ of the LORD;
here the righ-¹teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have¹ answered me**
and you have become¹ my salvation.

²²The stone that the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief¹ cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has¹ this been done;**
it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

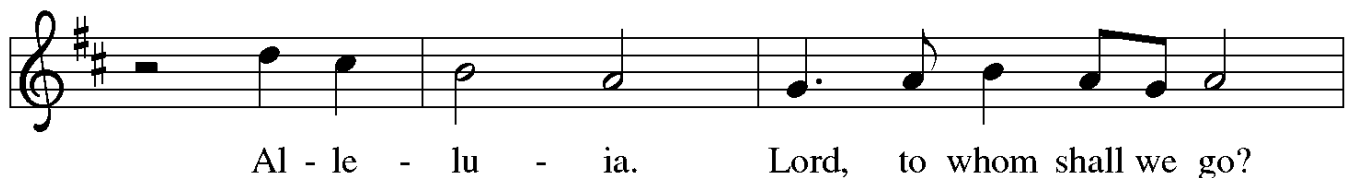
Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8 NRSV, emended

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was over, 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. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier



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



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 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!

***NICENE CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially Margaret, Carl, Jan, Anne, Carole, Tim, Roger, Paula, Audrey, JoAnne, Deborah, Arnie, and Casey-Marie. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-Ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Choir Anthem

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W. J. Stopford

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

+MEAL+

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+SENDING+

*BENEDICTION

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

Refrain



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



1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of
 2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
 choir only 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4. Lord, by the stripes that wound - ed thee, from death's dark sting thy



life is won; the song of tri-umph has be - gun:
 hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.
 from the dead; all glo - ry to our ris - en head!
 ser - vants free, that we may live and sing to thee:

Al - le - lu - ia!

(Repeat refrain after stanza 4)

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909
 Music: Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

VICTORY
 8 8 8 with alleluias

*DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

The altar flowers are given by Kris Stewart in memory of Alicia Stewart on her birthday.

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