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**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021, 9am & 11am
Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

(P: pastor; C: congregation)

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Alleluia! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made! C: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Jesus said: I am the Resurrection and the Life; C: He that lives and believes in Me will never die.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen! Alleluia! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia", LBW 128 (Text: Public Domain)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia! Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high Alleluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9, *The feast of victory*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;

Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, *Witnesses to the risen Christ*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—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. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

P: The word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

**Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8, *The resurrection is announced*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter. **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

When 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. ³And 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: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

HYMN: “**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**”, LBW 151

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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!

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!

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!

NICENE CREED

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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

Prayers and intercessions are said by the pastor. In concluding the prayers the pastor says:

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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

COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

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

DISMISSAL HYMN: "This Joyful Eastertide", LSB 482 *(Text: Public domain)*

**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 has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!**

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