



Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
7:30AM

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

SING TO THE KING MEDLEY - Grace Choir

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: If Christ has not been raised,

People: then your preaching is in vain and our faith is in vain.

Pastor: If Christ has not been raised,

People: our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.

Pastor: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead!

People: Death is swallowed up in victory!

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ came into the world, pure and free from sin. In every thought, word, and deed, He loved and served the Father – and He loved you and all people as Himself. He left no good deed undone; He perfectly kept the Father’s will. With His whole heart, Jesus willingly suffered the punishment of the cross in your place. Raised from the dead, Jesus lives forever with the authority to forgive every sin. When He comes again in glory, all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, therefore, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, Your Son laid lifeless and sealed in a tomb for three days. There, by His death, You gave birth to our hope. There, in the ultimate defeat that is death, Your Son won a great victory over death for the whole human race. Thank You for sending Jesus for us. May we, like Your Son Jesus, be more like Him by living and dying for others. May we be raised to life on the Last Day just as Jesus was raised to life on Easter morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Job 19:23-27

²³ “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in 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. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When 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?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.
2. Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.
3. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 23:50-24:12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd and 24th chapters.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

^{24:1}But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor Aaron Smith

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living, and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: hear us.

Pastor: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and teaching them,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

People: good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor: By Your victory over sin and death,

People: good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor: By the majesty of Your risen body

People: good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor: We poor sinners implore You

People: to hear us, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

People: grant us, good Lord.

Pastor: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

People: grant us, good Lord.

Pastor: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

People: grant us, good Lord.

Pastor: Into Your merciful hand we commend (*specific requests included here*), praying for them in faith and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Offerings can be placed on a plate near the stairs or the back of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is celebrated today. Our Lord cautions us to be discerning before participating in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28-30). For this reason, we ask all those communing here for the first time to speak with Pastor Aaron prior to communing. The Lord bids the baptized to come united in the following: in repentance for the forgiveness of sins (1 Cor. 11:23-25; Matt. 26:26-28), in confession of who Christ is and what Christ has done (1 Cor. 11:26), in faith and love with our fellow communicants (1 Cor. 11:20-22), and believing that Christ is bodily present in bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:27-29).

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole.

***Chorus: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!***

Oh, grant that I in manner worthy
May now approach Thy heav'nly Board
And, as I lowly bow before Thee,
Look only unto Thee, O Lord!

(Chorus)

Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously, and gladden
My heart, for now I am Your guest.

(Chorus)

By faith I call Thy holy Table
The testament of Thy deep love;
For, lo, thereby I now am able
To see how love Thy heart doth move

(Chorus)

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace

(Chorus)

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

1. The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.
2. Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen,
Our joy that has no end!

3. All praise to God the Father,
All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory
Ascribe to God alone!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

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.

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!"

