

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Proclamation

Pastor:
Christ is Risen!

Congregation:
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P: On this joyous morning, we celebrate that our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life. We join with all of God's people in recalling and celebrating his victory over death, and our deliverance from the bondage of sin and darkness to everlasting life.

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Opening Anthem Christ Arose

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Dialogue for Easter

P: I will sing to the Lord, for He is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation!

C: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song!

P: I will not die but live! I will proclaim what the Lord has done!

C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

P: The Lord's right hand was majestic in power. The Lord's right hand shattered the enemy.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

P: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.

P: The Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water!

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

Song of Praise: In Christ Alone *(below)*

In Christ Alone vs. 1-2

In Christ a-lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Corner-stone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ a-lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and right-eous-ness Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Je-sus died, The wrath of God was sat-is-fied;
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the festival of our Lord's resurrection may, by your grace, be brought to the fullness of Easter triumph and joy in the glory of heaven; 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)

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Song of Praise: In Christ Alone vs. 3-4

There in the ground His bod-y lay; Light of the world by dark-ness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose a-gain!
And as He stands in vic-to-ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!

No guilt in live, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Je-sus commands my des-ti-ny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ev-er pluckme from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

SECOND LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

(Please stand in honor of our Savior's words)

GOSPEL

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to God!

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: 152 I know that My Redeemer Lives vs. 1-4 (Red Hymnal)

Sermon: Psalm 118 Your Theme Song for Life

We Confess Our Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will 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

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

(Please Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: O God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, we thank and praise you for the mercy you have shown us through his glorious resurrection. Grant that believers throughout the world may see the fullness of your grace and peace. Give us a living hope to believe that the grave has no power over us and that we have been made partakers of eternal life.

C: Strengthen all your people that we may be faithful to death and may receive the crown of life.

P: Almighty God, as your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the power of his resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

C: Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.

P: In every adversity and trial preserve us, O Lord. Heal the sick, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. With the promises of this great day remove the fear of death from the hearts of the dying and the sadness of death from hearts that feel the loss of family and friends. Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those who are struggling under the load of troubles and trials.

C: Bestow your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless us with Easter's joy and consolation.

P: We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially our own faithful departed loved ones.

C: Unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection of the dead.

P: Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Prayer

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

P: He is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please Remain Standing for Closing Hymn!)

Closing Hymn 152 I know that My Redeemer Lives vs. 5-8 (Red Hymnal)