

Easter Sunday | April 4th, 2021 | 9:00 + 11:00
Worship Assistant | (9:00) Allie Schley (11:00) Pr. Barb Streed

READERS:

	9:00	11:00	Online
1st Reading	Lori Collins		
Mary Magdalene	Lori Collins		Liebhardts
Peter			Liebhardts
Thomas	Wendy Claffey		
John			

***Call to Worship**

Jesus, our Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. **Jesus, our Lord, is risen!**
Shout for joy! **For the true Sabbath is here.**
Blow the trumpet! **For this is the Lord's day.**
Rejoice, all you people; lift your praise! Sing and lift your voices!
For we celebrate the day our Lord conquered death!
Christ is risen! **He is indeed, hallelujah!**

***Gathering Hymn** | *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* ELW 366 In-person: v. 1-3

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The Three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

[Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.

Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!]*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

***Greeting + Prayer of the Day**

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

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. Amen.**

*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!*

Children's Message

First Reading | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel Reading | Mark 16:1-8**

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

"We Have Seen the Lord!" | 4 Easter Monologues

Easter Reflection

Hymn of the Day | *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

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A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!

"This is the Savior!" thus they say, "This is his glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

["You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Nicene Creed**

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 Intercession**

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.

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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 Pastor Dave, Nancy Gjerde, Jane Lorsung, and Laurie Roemhildt. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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

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. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving + Words of Institution**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

***Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **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.

***Final Blessing**

Go now as God's chosen witnesses to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you; may † Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you; and may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** | *Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

*How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
to conquer ev'ry sting of death; Sing, sing hallelujah!*

[chorus]

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes;

Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is risen. [chorus]

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw Him and their hearts believed;

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hallelujah. [chorus]

Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and pow'r of grace;

And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting. [chorus]

The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now works in us to pow'rfully save;

He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness. [chorus]

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***Dismissal**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**