



Alleluia!

Christ
is *Risen*



The Resurrection of Our Lord



() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Easter Litany (by Thom Shuman & Christine Longhurst)

P: Alleluia ~ Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: We have not seen the risen Christ ...

C: **but we see Him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

P: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face ...

C: **but we have seen Him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.**

P: We have not touched the wounds from the cross ...

C: **but we have been called to bring healing to those who are scarred and hurting.**

P: Like those first disciples, we, too, turn to You, O Lord, longing to be filled — to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving dreams, and to taste Your goodness and live.

C: **May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #365 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

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. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem

“He is Risen”

The First Reading ~ Acts 10: 34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he 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 he 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. ⁴²He 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 (selective verses read responsively, lector then congregation)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever. —————→

²Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

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

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

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

The Second 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.

¹Now 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, ²through 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.**

*The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 16: 1-8

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 16th chapter of St. Mark.

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

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. 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 the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

*Hymn #619 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*Easter Affirmation (professed together)

We believe in God who brings sunshine after rain and healing in the midst of pain; who looks into each soul with love and longs for us to know we are loved; who splashes the world with color and fills the air with the singing of birds; who meets us in our fears and surrounds us with hope.

We believe in Jesus, the risen Christ, the friend of the forgotten, the Savior of the world, who loves us without judgment, yet persuades us to change; who joins us as we walk and work; who prods us when we get complacent, who loves children and blesses all with compassion.

We believe in the holy spirit who weaves us into communities of faith of all ages, nations, and races; who is in the stillness of every silence, the breath in every sigh, the love in every embrace.

We believe we are called to be a people of hope, peace, justice, and love. Amen.

*Prayer of the Church

After each prayer petition, please respond:

P: God of grace ... C: Hear our prayer.

Anthem

“Because He Lives!”

The Blessing of the Communion Elements



The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be received by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer in the juice and will hand it to each communicant so that they may receive it between thumb and forefinger and place it in their own mouth. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and a cracker. †

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Gracious God, here at this table Your promise of life is tangibly made know. We have rested in the depth of Your love; we have tasted your nourishing presence. Deliver us from the power of sin so that we may that we forever live with our Savior in the joy of His risen life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As you go out into God's world this week, be Easter people! Look for the risen Christ in those you meet and let the Holy Spirit guide you. The tomb is empty because Jesus is out in the world, and now we must go out into the world, too! — May the joy and wonder of that first Easter live in your hearts today and every day. **Amen.**

*Hymn #382

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace ... in the light and love of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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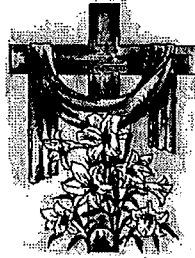
... to Diane Ernst for serving as our lector, usher, & counter

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We are most appreciative.

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