



# Easter Sunday – A Service of Life!

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Welcome to Worship on this Easter Sunday!

Words in **bold** are said together.

*Welcome*

*Call to Worship*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

*L: 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.***

*Gathering Hymn – Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365*

1. Jesus Christ is risen 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 ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*Confession and Forgiveness*

*L: God of life,*

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises especially when our world seems to be falling apart all around us. Forgive us, O God, and let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. In Christ Jesus you have been born anew by the presence of the living God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. C: **Amen.***

*Sharing Christ's Peace*

*L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.***

*Kyrie*

*L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.***

*L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.***

*L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: **Lord, have mercy.***

*L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy.*

*L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.*

*This Is the Feast (sung)*

*Prayer of the Day*

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Scripture Readings*

Acts 10:34-43 p. 895

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 p. 492

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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*Gospel Acclamation (sung)*

An Easter Sunday reading according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Children's Message and Sermon*

Pastor Curt Matz

*Hymn of the Day – Lift High the Cross #660*

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain.*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain.*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain.*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain.*

*Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *Prayers of God's People*

Each petition ends "For Christ is risen," please respond: **Christ is risen indeed!**

### *Offering*

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### *Offertory Hymn - Thine is the Glory #376*

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

***Offering Prayer* – Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered here, to feed the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### *Great Thanksgiving*

*L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*L: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)*

*Christ's Words of Institution*

*Communion* \* Eat and drink together at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught 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.**

*Announcements*

- Thanks to the men of Lord of Life for preparing Easter breakfast today!
- If someone you know needs a prayer, contact Pastor Curt or the office to add them to the prayer chain.
- Site Profile Team surveys are still available - please fill one out

*Blessing and Dismissal*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God.*

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