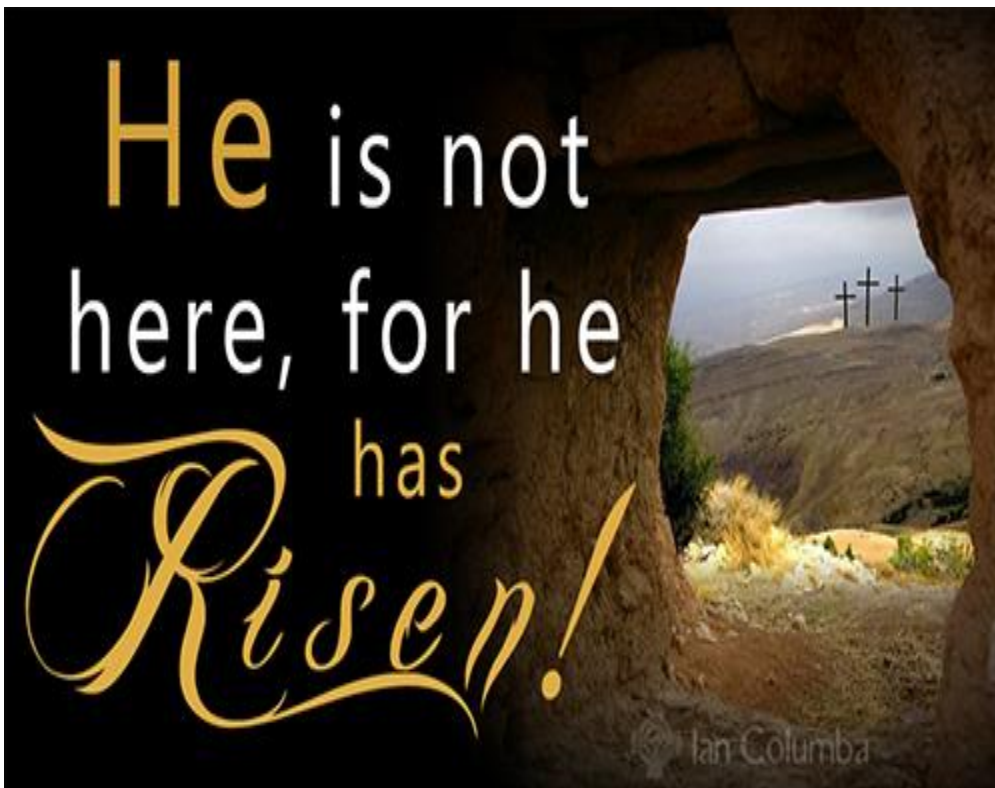


The Lutheran Church of the Covenant
“Reaching Out, Reflecting Christ, Renewing Lives”



Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



We welcome you to worship here at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant! We continue to do our best in providing the safest environment possible for you to worship our Risen Lord with your whole heart, even during these COVID-19 times. Here are the precautions we are taking on behalf of our whole community of faith, so that we best care for one another and those we are around during the week.

- We ask you wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, unless you have a medical condition preventing you from doing so.
- Bulletins and individual Communion elements are available for you to pick up as you enter from the back of the sanctuary. The Communion elements are available in wine and grape juice form as well as wheat and gluten-free wafers. We will partake of the body and blood of Christ together from our respective seats.
- There will not be a separate time for an offering to be collected for supporting our congregational and wider-church ministry, and so an offering basket is placed beside the bulletins and Communion elements, for those who wish to give this day.
- We are asking you to refrain from singing, as we do our best to minimize the spread of droplets and aerosols around our masks. You may do so in your heart, where we believe God hears just as well as if spoken or sung aloud. We, also, ask that you continue participate throughout the worship by speaking the **bold** print, but doing so in a whisper voice.
- There will not be a time for sharing of the peace, but we encourage you to do so with one another before or after the worship (while maintaining the physical distancing recommendations of six feet).
- There will not be a processional or recessional of the cross, nor will there be a receiving line with the pastor after the worship. If you wish to speak for Pastor Brad, for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact him through email, text or calling him directly.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we will always err on the side of caution while knowing that we can still transmit the virus even with the full vaccination.

Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Pre-Service Music

Crooked River Brass

Prelude *Easter Fantasy on Ancient Easter Hymns* (TUCKER)

Welcome & Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at our baptism, remembering our everlasting bond with our Risen Lord.

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.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We praise you, Holy Spirit,
for coming to us in these 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 of serenity
on your whole church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us as loving companions on our journey
as we share your new life among us.

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 one God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#365

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

- 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!

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

- 1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav’ns; and earth, reply.
- 2 Love’s redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun’s eclipse is o’er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow’r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of new life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms *This Is the Day Which the Lord Has Made* (SCHALK)

Second Lesson

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.”

Word of God, word of new life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* (Verses 1 & 2)

#619

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

- 1 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!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

*Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

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

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.

This is the holy Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

#367

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayers of Intercession

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response, "Christ is risen indeed." *A brief silence.*

Universal God, we praise you for the gift of the global church, for your precious children around the world. Through your Son's resurrection, empower us as your disciples to serve with boldness. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Bountiful God, we praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. Protect all nature that is endangered, from the undersea coral to the elephants of Africa. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

Gracious host, we praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. Watch over all who are hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for teenage migrants, for the people who live on our streets, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

God of hope, we praise you for a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. Continue to care for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

God of wholeness, we praise you for each day of health and well-being. Strengthen everyone who suffers from illness of any kind and for those whom death is near. Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for your words to Isaiah, to Paul and Peter, to Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb, and to each one of us. We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith. Raise us with all the saints to rejoice in your presence forever, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Holy Spirit, breathe on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your living disciples,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
both now and forever.

Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

Music Interlude *Easter Fanfare* (FELTER)

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *Thine Is the Glory*

#376

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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.

Refrain

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! *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *The Rejoicing, from Royal Fireworks Music* (HANDEL)

Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating: Gayle Agg, Mary Kaye Bernardo, Bob Buettner, Alexis Carr, Joan Clarke, John Crawford, Nicole Crawford, Barbara Fossa, Lauren Fossa, Carolyn Frajter, Ken Frajter, Nealie Gage, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Judy Jones, Matt Jones, Dylan King, Jason Lanese, Andrea Lanzalaca, Heather Lasher, Sara Mendes, Phyllis Nemeth, Bernice Novak, Don Rusher Jr, Arlene Stoltz, Marie Storms, Tom Susaneck, Phyllis Treichel, Phyllis Welker, Linda Wright, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Kim (Novak) Leonhardt, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Bill Wilkens, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family

LAST WEEK

General Fund receipts for week ending 3/28/2021: \$1572

Our Worship Leaders

Ministers

All People

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bradley Ross

Organ & Piano

Robin Crawford

Crooked River Brass

James Fry (trumpet)
Rich Lindemeyer (trumpet)
Donald Kaser (trombone)
Debbie Haviland (horn)
James McIntyre (tuba)

Vocalists

Maria Didonato (Soprano)
Shelby Namsick (Mezzo)
Joel Kincannon (Tenor)
Jason Baboryk (Bass)

Worship Recording

Jennifer Lasher-Dobush

*Thank
you*

We wish to offer our deepest gratitude to all the musicians who have made this worship all the more special, including Robin Crawford who brought it all together, so that we may better experience a glimpse of the Resurrection joy!

Easter Lily Dedications

The Easter Lilies are given to the glory of our Risen Lord by:

Mary Kaye Bernardo, in memory of Dante Fossa and family

Ann Droste, in memory of John Klecan

Donna Franz, in memory of Bob Franz, Oscar & Ruth Franz, and Wilber & Emma Niemann

Joan & Mike Garvin, in memory of Lois & Paul Gerstenberger, Mildred & Clyde Garvin, Dennis Spuzzillo, and Larry Garberich, Sr.

Paula & Alex Hohenstein, in memory of their parents, Bill & Emma Hohenstein and Carl & Martha Slanicka

Ted Lockmiller, in memory of Christine Lockmiller and Theodore E. Lockmiller, Sr.

Phyllis Nemeth, in memory of Rich and our parents

Marie Prendergast, in memory of Susan, Patrick & Louise Prendergast, Patsy, Rosemary & Chuck, Matt Merchant, Christine Russel, and Stella Markham

Madeline & Dick Ptak, in memory of Richard S., Mr. & Mrs. Ptak, Edward, and Mr. & Mrs. Gudely

Rusher family, in memory of Bernice Lambrecht, Don Rusher Sr., and James Rusher

Claudia & Steve Senderak, in memory of Mom & Dad Kearns, Mom & Dad Senderak, Bob & Pat Skidmore, and Steve Sandor

Phyllis Treichel, in memory of Don Treichel and loved ones

Karen Zack and family in memory of our mother, Greta Kause

Marie & Bert Zahn, in memory of Wilma & Bert C. Zahn, Dorothy & William Parry, and loved ones.

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If you wish to share today's worship with friends and family, it will be uploaded to our website soon, as well as a PDF of today's bulletin and sermon. You will also be able access links to other local and wider-church ministries, as well as information on a variety of programs for those in need, devotion materials, and more!



Feel free to like us on Facebook (The Lutheran Church of the Covenant), to keep up-to-date on worship opportunities and community activities, as well as some Good News on your news feed.

In working with other surrounding congregations, we continue to offer a FREE meal for anyone and everyone in the community and beyond on the

4th Thursday of every month. For the near future, the meals will be provided in a drive-thru format, as opposed to being served in the building. Simply come in through our parking lot by the back of the church, and you will be provided a FREE meal (or however many you want for your family and friends as well). If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Kaye Bernardo. So, come on by for a FREE dinner Thursday, April 22 (4:30-6pm), or help spread the word to others!

FREE
Community
DINNER

Lectionary Blog: “And then...”



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The last word in the earliest manuscripts of the Gospel of Mark is a conjunction. Those manuscripts don't have 16:9-20, so the last word is from verse 8—γάρ. It's frequently translated as “for,” “and,” “because,” “even” or “indeed.” My favorite translation is from a friend who said Mark ends with the conjunctive phrase “and then” In any case, Mark's hurried Gospel is always telling the reader “and then ...” and “immediately next ...” and leaves us wondering what happens next.

We know what happened before this week's reading. Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of James and Joses; and Salome, the mother of John and James, came to anoint Jesus' body after Joseph of Arimathea hastily stashed him in a tomb. They must have been reeling with hundreds of questions. For far too many of us, especially this year, death frequently comes as a surprise that the extended family isn't equipped to deal with. Where do we bury him? What kind of funeral would she have wanted? What do we do with their stuff?

Some of these questions had been answered for the women at the tomb. Joseph, whom we haven't heard about previously in the Gospels, probably paid the Romans to receive Jesus' body. He was kind enough to bury Jesus in his own tomb, but it's easy to imagine that Jesus' closest followers and family weren't consulted. The state-sanctioned murder had happened quickly, without a chance for his followers to make preparations. And the Romans had commandeered Jesus' few possessions at the time of his death. Without a choice of what to do with his things, or even where to bury him, these faithful women showed up to at least give him a loving reburial.

One of the women who bankrolled Jesus and two of the mothers of his young disciples showed up to do their last, best act of caring for the man in whom they had placed so much hope and loved so thoroughly. As they were recognizing yet another problem (the stone would be too much for them to roll away on their own to gain access to his body), they were shocked to see that his tomb was open and a man was just sitting inside. He told them that Jesus of Nazareth had risen and that they should go and tell Peter and the disciples (making the women the first apostles). The women said nothing to anyone else, as they apparently hurried to tell the male disciples who were all in hiding.

But then what? What happened next? Did the disciples see Jesus immediately? Did Jesus conquer the Empire of Rome that had killed him? Were all the prophecies immediately fulfilled? No. Jesus gradually appeared to larger and larger groups until he ascended into heaven. Rome stayed in power and destroyed the temple and then Jerusalem only a few decades later. So many of the prophecies remain only partially fulfilled.

This week's passage from Isaiah points to God's triumph over sin and death:

*On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces; he will remove
his people's disgrace from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.*

*In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation" (Isaiah 25:6-9).*

We celebrate because death has been swallowed up forever, the sheet that obscures the eyes of the nations from seeing God's salvation has been destroyed. But the rest of the chapter talks about how God will destroy the cities of the proud and terrible invaders (2, 3, 5, 10-12) and will be a shelter for the poor and a refuge for the distressed, shielding them from the ruthless (4).

Even as the Gospels were being recorded, the Roman stranglehold on the Holy Land was tightening until Jewish revolts were put down with overwhelming force in 70 C.E. and 136 C.E. Thousands of people—men, women and children—were massacred by the proud and terrible invaders. Josephus relates that the Romans lined the walls of Jerusalem with thousands of crosses in 70 C.E. in order to crucify the 500 Jews captured daily (*Jewish Wars*, Chapter 11). The Christian community, which was hardly distinct from the Jewish community in the Holy Land, must have seen hundreds, if not thousands, of their siblings in Christ murdered in the same way as Jesus.

In the face of this terror, they recorded that even though they were scared, Mary, Mary and Salome went to share the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead. At a time when so many of their neighbors were being executed, the early Christians dared to hope, dream and believe that the empire didn't have the final word, and that God was redeeming humanity from sin and death. Even in the darkest of times, when our friends and siblings are dying, when politics and rulers are unsettling and frightening, when prophecies are not being fulfilled (yet), our central claim remains that Jesus rose from the dead.

Would the Prince of Peace triumph over the power of the empire? Isaiah 25 argues that it will certainly happen! The Gospel of Mark doesn't say. What we know from Mark is that Jesus was raised from the dead. The powers of sin, death and the empire couldn't hold him. He wanted his disciples to know that he was going ahead of them. And then

The great hope of Jesus' resurrection isn't the end of the story, but the beginning of triumph of the kingdom of heaven over the forces of sin and death. We are blessed to be called into Jesus' victory and continue the story of what happens next.

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The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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