



*RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD,
EASTER DAY
April 1, 2018*

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

OPENING HYMN No. 365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed!

P: May his grace and peace be with you.

C: May he fill our hearts with joy. Alleluia!

P: On this day we celebrate resurrection. The power of life has overcome the power of death.

C: Alleluia! Jesus lives.

P: The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.

C: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home. **C: Amen.**

P: Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

P: God of life,

C: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. We confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to you. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Forgive us God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us. Amen.

P: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 367 (vs. 1,4) “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC 7:30am Paul Johnson
9:30am Kristen Brockberg**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 25:6-9

SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-11

SERMON Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp

HYMN OF THE DAY No. 384 “That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

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THE PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN No. 385 (vs. 1,2) “Good Christian Friends ”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Resurrection, may these gifts we have been given be used to bring renewed life in our world: hope to the despairing; joy to the depressed; peace to the dismayed; love to all of your children. We give this offering to you in the name of your Son, Jesus, who conquered death so we may live. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION HYMNS

471, 379, 484 & 496

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced. Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love. Go forth with shouts of joy for Christ is risen, indeed. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN No. 376

"Thine is the Glory"

POSTLUDE