

**RESURECTION OF OUR LORD,**

**EASTER DAY**

**April 21, 2019**

**GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12**

**OPENING HYMN No. 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

**GREETING AND WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed!**

P: The tomb is empty! **C: Christ Is Risen!**   
P: The soldiers have returned home. The anger of the crowds is gone. **C: Christ Is Risen!** 

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

P: The light and love of Christ has shattered the darkness of fear!  
**C: May his love burn within us!**

P: The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God’s transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us.Today we celebrate: new life, new joy, and new possibilities.

**C: Christ is alive and living among us!**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

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.

C: **God of life, in raising Jesus from the tomb, you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever.**

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 the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE Page 149 “This is the Feast”**

**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 “Scars” Kristen Brockberg**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**LESSONS**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY NO.** **385 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”**

**EASTER AFFIMATION OF FAITH**

**C: We believe in an amazing God, who surprises us on Easter morn who has the last laugh on evil. We believe in a God who never gives up loving and working for our good, who weeps at our Good Fridays and transforms our tears into alleluias. We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world. We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross. We believe that three** **days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples. We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God’s love for the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE (based on St. Patrick)

P: Christ’s peace be with you, Christ’s peace within you, Christ’s peace behind you,

Christ’s peace before you, Christ peace beside you, Christ’s peace to win you, Christ’s peace to comfort and restore you, Christ’s peace be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P:Let us greet each other with signs of the peace of Christ.

**RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING OFFERINGS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 857 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**C: God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen. (Source: Daniel Hayward)**

**THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed!**

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

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

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

**COMMUNION HYMNS 379, 377, 660**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: Let us pray

**C: Living Christ, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ broken for us. Risen to new life in you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN NO. 367 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**