

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Resurrection Litany

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: The tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

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

L: For three days he lay in a cold and lonely cave.

C: **But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!**

L: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through the risen Christ.

C: **Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

L: Where, O death, is your victory?

C: **Where, O death, is your sting?**

L: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed!**

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Special Music

*Because He Lives
You Raise Me Up*

Luke and Laura Martinson (8:30 only)
Trey Olson - violin (10:30 only)

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Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Responsive Reading

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C: **Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

L: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C: **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

L: the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

C: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

L: The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

L: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

C: **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

C: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Special Music *In the Garden* Keith Pearson (8:30 only)

Gospel Reading *John 20:1-18*

Message

Congregational Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Green 151

Apostles Creed

Prayer Litany

L: Let us pray for those who do not share our Easter joy:

C: We pray for those who live in the shadow of darkness and despair;

L: for those who live with the hopelessness of shattered dreams

C: trust betrayed, opportunities lost, love denied;

L: for those who live without faith or hope or love;

**C: who see no resurrection, no hope of new beginnings
for themselves or for the world.**

L: If Christ be truly risen, let us show his resurrection with our lives,

C: so that all who meet us shall know that he is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Litany

L: The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here!

C: Alleluia!

L: We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!

C: Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!

L: All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.

C: Let us eat together!

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Let us give thanks!

C: Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

C: We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks.

Benediction

Litany of New Life

L: Alleluia! We sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: For the sweet relief of life
that defies the power of death,
we sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: For the wild dance of heaven
that interrupts & overthrows the powers of earth,
we sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: For stones rolled away & stones beneath our feet
that witness to God's power to always do a new thing,
we sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: For the unconditional and abundant grace of forgiveness
that heals our brokenness and calls us to new ways,
we sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: For the glimpse of Jesus upon each face
that cheers our spirits and changes our hearts,
we sing it loud: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

L: Alleluia! We sing it loud and forever: alleluia!

C: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregational Hymn

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds

Green 143

L: Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Dismissal