

Christ Lutheran

April 12, 2020



easter sunday

Welcome

Setting the Scene

P: It is early morning and the sun has just risen. We have been on a long, dark journey that brings us on the road to Jesus' tomb. It is a somber moment, for our Lord has died, has been crucified as a common criminal. For what? He had done nothing wrong. But in fact, He was there for a reason. For you and I, we put Him there. These last forty days, as we have looked inward to our hard, sin-filled hearts, the reason Jesus was on that cross has become so evident, so plain, so very gut-wrenching. This knowledge is so much to bear that we stop. We stop here and now. We open our hearts, we lift our souls to our Father in heaven, pleading to Him to forgive our sins.

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy!

P: Throughout these last forty days, we have been on our journey through the wilderness, looking inward at the stone-cold tombs of our hearts. Now more than ever, we know we need You, Lord Jesus, as our Savior! Have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins! Renew and lead us so that we might always live for You.

C: Amen.

P: God hears our prayer. In the name of His Son Jesus, He hears us and He answers us! He lifts us up from despair. He cleanses us from shame and guilt. He forgives us our sins. Ever so gently, He lifts our chins upward on this, the end of our Lenten journey. Suddenly, we see it! Right there in front of us, the seal of God's promise, the reason for all He has done, the very hope and life we have been searching for! The tomb of our Savior is empty! The angels proclaim that He lives, that Jesus has risen. Indeed, the angels cry aloud: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Song

LSB 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Prayer of the Day

P: O risen and living Savior, fill our hearts this day with pure joy and unending hope, that because You live, we too will live forever! Thank You for opening up the kingdom of heaven to us and for even now preparing a mansion for us! In Your most holy name we pray, amen! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Children's Message

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:13; 29-31

And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

“O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Message Song

LSB 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

The Message "Don't be Afraid"

We Go to God in Prayer

After each petition:

P: O risen Savior,

C: Hear our prayer! Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

The Sending and Benediction

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: As we have been greeted by our risen Lord this day, wrapped our arms around Him in worship and in praise, so we go now, from before the empty tomb, declaring to the world that Jesus is alive! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Hear the Good Words of our Lord Jesus Christ...and give you peace! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Closing Song

LSB 461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"



The Hymnal Project

“In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS.”

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