

Christ Lutheran

April 4, 2021



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.

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

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457

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 First Lesson

Psalm 30:1-12

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"
You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

L Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia

The Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Message Song

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821

The Message

"Afraid?"

We Go to God in Prayer

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

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461

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.

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