

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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“Were You There”

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AS WE GATHER:

Jesus is alive! Death and the grave could not hold Him. His resurrection ensures our own. The Resurrection of our LORD is indeed the chief festival in the church year. In it we see the guarantee that our sins have been forgiven and Satan defeated. The day also gives us the blessed comfort and assurance that all who have died in the LORD will rise on the last day. By faith we are enabled to look beyond the grave because of Christ’s empty grave. He has crossed the river, and will deliver our passing souls when we pass from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our LORD Jesus Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” LSB #457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

P: In the Name of our Risen LORD, Jesus who is the Christ.

I cannot say, “OUR”,

C: when my life has no room for others and their needs.

P: I cannot say, “FATHER”,

C: when I rebel against the fatherly authority of God.

P: I cannot say, “WHO IS IN HEAVEN”,

C: when all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

P: I cannot say , “MAY YOUR NAME BE MADE HOLY AMONG US,”

C: when I do not respect the names given to our holy God.

P: I cannot say, “YOUR KINGDOM COME”,

C: when I am unwilling to give up my independence and accept the leadership of God for my life.

P: I cannot say, “YOUR WILL BE DONE”,

C: when I am unwilling or resentful of having God tell me what to do.

P: I cannot say, ‘ON EARTH AS IT IS DONE IN HEAVEN”,

C: without thanking God for what He has given me, and sharing those gifts with others who are homeless and hungry.

P: I cannot say, ‘FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US”,

C: when I continue to harbor a grudge or am unwilling to forgive those in my life or when I feast not on your death which gave me forgiveness but rather feast on gossip.

P: I cannot say, “DELIVER ME FROM TIMES OF TEMPTATION”,

C: when I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

P: I cannot say, “FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM”,

C: when I do not give the King the obedience of a loyal subject.

P: I cannot say, “FOR YOURS IS THE POWER”,

C: when I take decisions into my own hands, not listening to You or your Word.

P: I cannot say, “FOR YOURS IS THE GLORY”,

C: when I am seeking my own glory first.

P: I cannot say, “FOREVER”,

C: when I am anxious about each day, worried about material things instead of earthly things.

P: I cannot say “AMEN”,

C: unless I am willing to live as I pray and to take the time to pray so I may talk and listen to You instead of just myself.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our LORD’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE EASTER READINGS:

The First Lesson: Job 19:23-27

I wish that my words were written down, that they were recorded on a scroll ²⁴ or were inscribed in stone forever by an iron stylus and lead! ²⁵ But I know my living Redeemer, and He will stand on the dust at last. ²⁶ Even after my skin has been destroyed, yet I will see God in my flesh. ²⁷ I will see Him myself; my eyes will look at Him, and not as a stranger. My heart longs within me.

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-24

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, “There is no resurrection of the dead”? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is without foundation, and so is your faith. ¹⁵ In addition, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified

about God that He raised up Christ—whom He did not raise up if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Therefore, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. ¹⁹ If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone. ²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ, the first-fruits; afterward, at His coming, those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when He abolishes all rule and all authority and power. (1 Corinthians 15:12-24 CSB)

THE EASTER SOLO:

“This Joyful Eastertide”

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THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 24:1-11

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³ They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. ⁵ So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. “Why are you looking for the living among the dead?” asked the men. ⁶ “He is not here, but He has been resurrected! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying, ‘The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?’” ⁸ And they remembered His words. ⁹ Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them were telling the apostles these things. ¹¹ But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women.

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 EASTER SERMON HYMN: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” LSB #477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

THE EASTER SERMON:

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P: For the Lamb of God Call Committee and the district ministers guiding the process, that the Holy Spirit lead them, direct them, grant wisdom and discernment to do the Father's will according to His purpose for the future of Lamb of God, in Jesus name. LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: For all ministers and teachers of the Word, that they may always be faithful to their calling, and by their lives and example bring honor to Your name and lead others in the way of truth; LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the Church, that all schisms may be healed, and that it may be a strong witness to the world of the good news of the Gospel of Christ; LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations of the earth, that all wars may cease among them, and that all their inhabitants and rulers may come to know You as their LORD and Savior; LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the unchurched, that Your Spirit would touch them through our witness and bring them into faith in You; LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those who are alone - the homebound, and those confined to hospitals or nursing homes, especially....., that their hope may be continuously in You and that by Your resurrection they may be revitalized in the hope of eternal life in heaven with You, freed from all pain and sorrow; LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this day of Your glorious resurrection, we remember all our loved ones who have died in faith. Give us faith to believe that they are now in fullness of joy at Your right hand. Help us to follow their

example of faith until that day when we too will pass from the grave to eternal life with You. LORD, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING PRAYER:

All: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION:

THE CLOSING EASTER HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB #461 vs 1-4



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.