

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord – March 31, 2024

Responsive Call to Worship – PWS&D Lenten Liturgy



Easter

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One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

One: The stone had been rolled back and
the tomb was empty.
The angel told the faithful women,
"He has been raised. He is not here."

All: And so we have hope – a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
"May the God of hope go with us every day."



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Hymn 243 **Jesus Christ is risen today**

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!**
- 3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!**
- 4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 247 **Christ the Lord is risen today**

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today,
all creation join to say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er;
lo! he sets in blood no more.**
- 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids him rise;
Christ hath opened paradise.
Lives again our glorious King:
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where thy victory, O grave?**
- 3. Soar we now where Christ hath led,
following our exalted Head;**

**made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Hail! the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given;
every knee to thee shall bow,
risen Christ triumphant now.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

**God of Resurrecting joy, we confess it's not easy to sustain
Easter hope. We can let discouragement, fear, and
frustration settle in and we can let anger and anxiety turn
our hearts away from you. Resentment and disappointment
cling to us and if we are not careful, we can forget your great
mercy and love. Forgive us. Restore within us the joy and
hope you promise us in Christ, our Risen Lord.**

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 249 The day of resurrection

- 1. The day of resurrection: earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;**

**invisible and visible, their notes together blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 **p. 565 NT & Psalms**

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.

² **Let all Israel repeat:**

“His faithful love endures forever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.

¹⁵ **Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!**

¹⁶ The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

¹⁷ **I will not die; instead, I will live
to tell what the Lord has done.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not let me die.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the Lord.**

²⁰ These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.

²¹ **I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is wonderful to see.**

²⁴ **This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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Scripture Lessons:

Acts 10:34-43 p. 220 New Testament & Psalms

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 p. 302 New Testament & Psalms

John 20:1-18 p. 197 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Who would we be?**

Prayers of the People *(minister)*

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology** **830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication **(congregation)**

God of Resurrecting Grace, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ, and what that gift has cost. Empower these gifts to spread the hope and joy we feel today in the world you love, in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Communion Hymn 537 'Twas on that night

**1. 'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread,**

**2. and after thanks and glory given
to God who rules in earth and heaven,
that symbol of his flesh he broke,
and thus to all his followers spoke:**

**3. "My broken body thus I give
for you, for all; take, eat, and live;
and oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my wondrous love to view."**

**4. Then in his hands the cup he raised,
and God anew he thanked and praised;
the fullness of God's grace he showed
and from his lips salvation flowed.**

**5. "My blood I thus pour forth," he cries,
"to cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
in this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven's eternal grace revealed."**

**6. "With suffering love this cup is given;
let all partake the wine of heaven,**

**and when you gather, let it pour,
in living memory of this hour.”**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

On this joyful Easter Day, with hearts lifted high, we offer gratitude and praise to you, O God, for we have seen your grace and power, rolling away the stone of sorrow and despair, bursting from the tomb in the gift of new life. And so we join our voices with creatures high and low, with all the saints before us and beside us, in heaven and on earth, to praise your unending greatness:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Receive our praise and joy this day, O Christ. Your resurrection promises new possibilities for us and our weary world. Even when we falter in discouragement or doubt, even if we hesitate at the news that your great love has come back to embrace us, you do not abandon us. You open your arms wide and invite us back to your side. At this table, you offer not just bread and cup but your very self, so that we may be filled and forgiven, healed and blessed once more. Great and gracious God, such gifts touch our deepest needs, and so we proclaim our faith and our hope as we say:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Spirit of Life, rising in us and around us, bless us and this bread and cup. May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, offering new life and the power to make us whole. As this bread and cup

become a part of us, make us a part of you, Lord Jesus. Dare us to live for justice and joy, trusting that all things will work together for good through the power of the love that raised you from the dead, the love we share in your name, through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, Creator and Sustainer of all. Glory to you forever and ever.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

The Revelation

Partaking of the Bread

Partaking of the Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

**Christ be with us; Christ within us;
Christ behind us; Christ before us;
Christ beside us; Christ to win us.
Christ to comfort and restore us.
Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love us,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger
wherever we go in your name. Amen.**

Hymn 258 Thine be the glory

**1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.**

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;

endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, thru thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude