

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord – April 5, 2025

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death.

Hallelujah!

This is the Good News – the grave is empty & Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

Let us worship God with Easter joy!

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 tender mercy, we confess that faith doesn't come easy every Easter. When we face loss in our own lives, sorrow can weigh us down. Our challenges can feel like a stone too heavy to roll away. Forgive us, O God. Let the hope of new life in Christ assure us that the power of your love that raised Jesus will never let us go.

- 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**

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

**²Let all Israel repeat:
"His faithful love endures forever."**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**²⁴This 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 NT & Psalms

Colossians 3:1-4 p. 349 NT & Psalms

John 20:1-18 p. 197 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon A woman's voice

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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