



At the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem. Photo: D. Dehler

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 4, 2021 10:30 a.m.
*Virtual Worship with
The Rite of
Spiritual Communion*

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The Word of God

Hymn Jesus Christ is risen today

Verse 1

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Verse 3

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Hymnal #207

Verse 2

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ Overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the 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 for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the

dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.

² Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶ "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."

²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.

²² The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn **He is risen, he is risen!**

Hymnal #180

Verse 1

He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Verse 2

Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.

Verse 3

Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.

Verse 4

He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Reflection

The Rev. Debbie Dehler

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

People **We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Leader God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Mauricio, Bishop of Brasilia; Debbie, our priest; Bradley and Gretchen, the clergy at St. John's in Lafayette; the Diocese of Haiti, especially St. Andres in Mithon.

People **We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Leader God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to present with them and reflect your love for them.

People **We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Leader God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty. We pray especially for Joe, our President, Eric, our Governor, and our mayors.

People **We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Leader God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

People **We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!**

Joys and Concerns

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**



An Act of Spiritual Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, in union with the faithful across the Church, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We present ourselves to You, along with all who cannot gather around the altar at this time, believing and trusting in Your real presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We love you above all things; our soul longs for you. And so, we call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table. As we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we implore you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affection of our soul. May this spiritual Communion be for us an armor of faith and shield of goodwill and liberation. Sustain us, heal us, and**

encourage us, with your Holy Spirit until we meet again as one Church and one Body. We ask this for your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Hymn Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal #182

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Verse 2

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

Verse 3

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

Verse 4

In every insult, rift and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, et loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Verse 5

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
Till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Special thanks to Dawn Waddell, today's organist.

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