

The Resurrection of our Lord Community Worship

Sky Island Easter Sunrise ~ 6:30 AM



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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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WELCOME – Pastor Heckman

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Christ is Risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

THE GATHERING HYMN “He Lives”

1. I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him- He’s always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today,
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow
way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair,
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Refrain

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

THE GREETING

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P You have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
(Col. 3:1)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(brief silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,

C **We confess that we have turned our back on the life you offer. In selfish grasping, we have failed to recognize your abundant gifts. In turning away from the needs of others, we have turned from you. We have rejected the chance to see and serve the holy in our midst. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Turn us from our sin, and draw us to your glory, so that we may serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our sin is put to death that we might rise with Christ. God forgives us all our sins that we may be strengthened in all goodness and granted eternal life.

C Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

**Refrain: Kyrie Eleison, on our world, and on our way.
Kyrie Eleison, every day.**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
For the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

2. That we may live out your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor; that we may live out
Truth and justice and grace
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
For friends and family; for live and for love,
For our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives, in the
water and the word; that you nourish our souls
With your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR RISEN LORD

P The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Please share a sign of Christ's Peace.)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L The First Reading is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Here ends the reading.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

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

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

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

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

²³**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

L The second reading is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Here ends the reading.

C Thanks be to God.

EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10 *(Please stand as able)*

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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." ⁸So 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER MEDITATION *(Please sit)*

THE APOSTLES CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world (*places of concern or conflict may be named*) that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized (*especially*) and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise (*especially*), free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING *(Please place offerings in the Basket)*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

P Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE CONSECRATION

P All glory is yours, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; In your divine mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to become the true Passover Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. By his death he destroys death, and by his rising he opens the way to eternal life.

On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, given for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us and send us forth as signs of your gracious love.

C Amen.

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.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the God of all who raised ✙ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “The Lord of the Dance”

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance said He, And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all In the Dance said He.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen for James and John, They came to me and the Dance went on.

Refrain

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, The holy people said it was a shame, They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high And they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black – It's hard to dance with a devil on your back, they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

5. They cut me down, but I leapt up high, I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you live in me. I am the Lord of the dance said He.

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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