

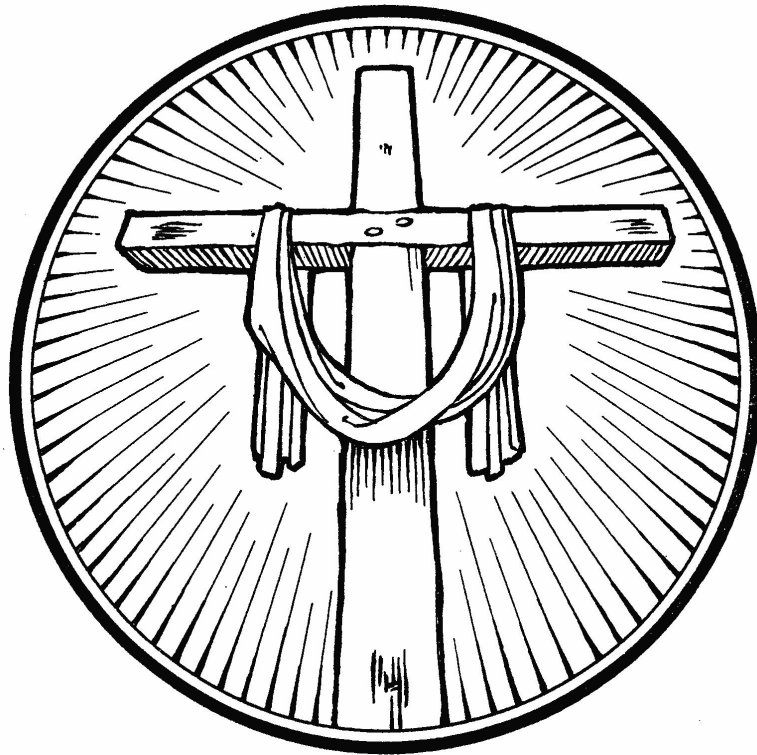


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# EASTER SUNDAY

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online worship service



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## The Resurrection of our Lord

{The paschal candle, a symbol of the resurrected Christ is on display}

### HYMN: "Welcome Happy Morning" CW #163

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## Welcome, Happy Morning



1 "Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;  
2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,  
3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,  
4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"  
God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,  
Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.  
All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!  
Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son,  
Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;  
Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.  
Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.  
This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!  
As in E - den's gar - den When the world be - gan.

#### Refrain



"Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"

Text: Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530–609, abr.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826–93, alt.

Tune: SEI DU MIR GEGRÜSSET (65 65 D with Refrain) *Enchiridion Geistlike Lede und Psalmen*, Lübeck, 1545.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain

**C: To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor  
and glory and praise!**

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

**C: Be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: On this holy morning our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life. We are gathered to hear his Word and celebrate how through baptism we are connected to Christ's victory.

M: O Christ you are the light of the world and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless, we ask you, those who keep this joyful Easter festival, Burning with desire for life with you, may we be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

M: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

**C: His are time and eternity;**

M: His are the glory and dominion now and forever.

**C: By his wounds we are healed now and forever.**

**M:** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness our hearts and minds.

M: The Lord is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: On this holiest of days, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls his death and burial, rejoicing in the gospel of his glorious resurrection from the dead. Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer.

M: We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

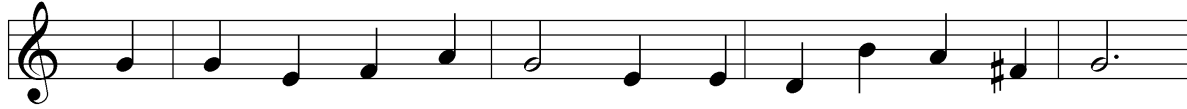
M: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil That we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful; Let earth her song be - gin.



The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
 And, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en; Our joy shall have no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: LANCASHIRE (76 76 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813–79.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

JONAH 2:2-9

<sup>2</sup> He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. <sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. <sup>4</sup> I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. <sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup> "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. <sup>9</sup> But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD."

### PSALM OF THE DAY

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*{Refrain}*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

***This is the day the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

The LORD is my strength and my song;\*

**He has become my salyation.**

The LORD's right hand is lifted high;\*

**The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!**

I will not die but live,\*

**And will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

*{Refrain}*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

***This is the day the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;\*

**You have become my salyation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;\*

**The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day the LORD has made;\*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son\****

***and to the Holy Spirit,***

***As it was in the beginning,\****

***is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

*{Refrain}*

***This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

***This is the day the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!***

## SECOND LESSON

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)**

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.<sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Awake, My Heart, With Gladness" CW #156

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Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it  
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my  
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes  
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The  
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -  
 bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 e'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the  
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is  
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which  
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son In love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.

Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.



## **SERMON TEXT: *Psalm 118 (selected verses)***

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever...
- <sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!  
<sup>16</sup> The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”
- <sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.
- <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## **Sermon Theme: Victory!**

**OFFERING:** *Please mail your offerings into the church office as we continue to join together to spread the good news of Jesus both in this community and around the world.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

**C: Christ is risen!**

**M:** For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**M:** He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

**C: Alleluia!**

**M:** We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

**M:** With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan’s head and have removed our guilt.

**C: You are risen!**

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C: You are risen indeed!**

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: He is risen!**

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **EASTER BLESSING**

**M:** God gives us peace!

**C: He brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus.**

**M:** May he equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ.

**C: To Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever! Amen.**

M: Christ is risen!

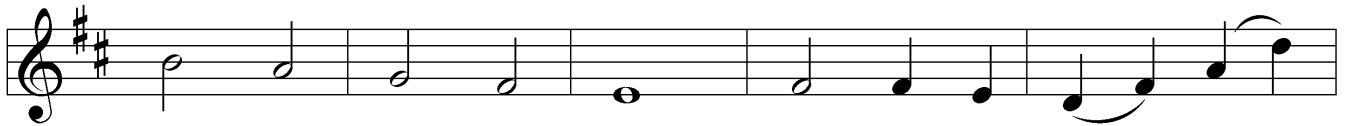
**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CLOSING HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" # CW 152**

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives



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  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; 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  
 wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



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.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

