



Service on Easter Sunday 12 April 2020

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Watchword for Easter: *“Jesus Christ says: I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!
And I hold the keys of death and Hades.” (Revelations 1, 18)*

OPENING in SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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HYMN - “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word” LSB 488 *(You may light a candle at home as personal Easter Candle.)*

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word 488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

EXSULTET (Easter Proclamation)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **All: 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 him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, ... one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

The READINGS of the history of salvation and PRAYERS

1st Reading - Genesis 1, 1-5+26-28a+31a and PRAYER

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was

good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

INTERLUDE – “How Great Our God” by Chris Tomlin (*1972)

2nd Reading - Ezekiel 36, 22a+23-27 and **PRAYER**

“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.’ “

INTERLUDE – “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” by Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

3rd Reading - Romans 6, 3-11

Or 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free 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.

COMMEMORATION OF OUR HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil? **Congregation: Yes, I renounce him.**

P: Do you renounce all his works? **C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce all his ways? **C: Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? **C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son? **C: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do You believe in the Holy Spirit? **C: Yes, 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.**

HYMN - "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 594



1 God's own child, I glad-ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,
 in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:
 in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,
 in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness
 com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ing:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y
 I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the
 To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in
 E-ven there I'll sleep se-cure. Though my flesh a-



trea-sures man-y? I have one worth
 con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism
 font I've trav-eled, All your might has
 dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance
 waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-



more than an-y That brought me sal-
 did re-lease me In a dear for-
 come un-rav-eled, And, a-gainst your
 bright-ly flash-es: Bap-tism has the
 tin-ues prais-ing: I am bap-tized



va-tion free Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!
 giv-ing flood, Sprin-king me with Je-sus' blood?
 tyr-an-ny, God, my Lord, u-nites with me!
 strength di-vine To make life im-mor-tal mine.
 in-to Christ; I'm a child of par-a-dise!

INTERCESSIONS -

Answer on every petition: Lord, have mercy.

GREAT GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Song of Praise) -

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God” LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voice-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!



ALLELUIA (Psalm 118, 24)

P: Alleluia, The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

GOSPEL READING - Mark 16, 1-8

After the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN - “Christ Is Arisen” LSB 459

459 Christ Is Arisen

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark pris - on.
So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be.
Al - le - lu - ia! 2 Were Christ not a - ris - en,
Then death were still our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re-stored,
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON about 2Timothy 2, 8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

INTERLUDE - “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (LSB 458) lyrics by Martin Luther, performed by Koine

CLOSING COLLECT

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN - "In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
ness, scorned by the ones He came to



storm. What heights of love, what depths of
save. 'Til on that cross, as Je - sus



peace when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
died, the wrath of God was sat - is -



cease. My com - fort - er, my All in
fied. For ev' - ry sin on Him was



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, / light of the world by darkness slain; /
then bursting forth in glorious day, / up from the grave He rose again! / And
as He stands in victory, / sin's curse has lost its grip on me; / for I am His
and He is mine, / bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, / this is the pow'r of Christ in me; / from
life's first cry to final breath, / Jesus commands my destiny. / No pow'r of
hell, no scheme of man / can ever pluck me from His hand; / 'til He returns
or calls me home, / here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!