

# He is Risen Alleluia!



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## "The Resurrection Of Our Lord"

*Easter Worship Service*

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### **EASTER GREETING**

P: "Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. Alleluia, meaning "praise ye the Lord", infects our hymns and anthems as we tell others the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "My Redeemer Lives Medley"

### **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P: On this day God the Father raised His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from death. He thereby showed His acceptance of our Savior's sacrifice for our sins.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (*Romans 6:23*)

He takes the burden of our sins from us and offers us joy with hope that leads us through this life here on earth to our eternal home.

Let us therefore freely confess our sins in the assurance that they will not come between us and our gracious God.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Most gracious heavenly Father,

**C: We come to You burdened by the sins for which Your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds; in all humility we ask for Your mercy. You have raised our Lord Jesus from death and promised us eternal life because of the**

**faith Your Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts. For the sake of Your Son's innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection, forgive us, renew us, and lead us in the dance that is eternal life. Amen.**

P: On this most holy festival day, on which our Lord conquered death and the grave, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I joyfully forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Based on John 20:19-31)*

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

**C: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be rescued from the death of sin by Your life giving Spirit;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*WORD\***

**FIRST READING** *Acts 10:34-43*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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<sup>39</sup>"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING** *Colossians 3:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**EASTER GOSPEL** *Matthew 28:1-10*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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."

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **EASTER RESPONSE**

P: Christ is risen, alleluia!

**C: He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH** *The Second Article—Redemption*

**All: 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 judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *"New life On Easter"*

### **SERMON HYMN** *"The Stone is Rolled Away"*

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### **HYMN** *"Christ Is Risen—Resurrection"*

### **PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray for ourselves, for all who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, for the whole body of Christ, and for all people according to their needs. For ourselves, that the reality of Christ's resurrection would cause us to consider those things that are above, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For all who trust that our Lord has paid for our sins once and for all, that they use all their resources to tell the world that salvation is available to everyone who trusts in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For the whole body of Christ, that the bedrock faith of Jesus' resurrection will be the foundation for new dialogue and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For all who are burdened by the things of this world, by doubt or fear, by sickness or grief, that the Holy Spirit would give them a confident faith that trusts in God, who raised Jesus from death, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For those who are hospitalized: Craig Cain, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony and Jeff Ross. For those who are coping with cancer: Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Pastor Jim Fleming, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven and Harv Baird. For those who remain on our care list, we commend them into the care of a loving Lord, the true physician of both body and soul. Let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: For the families and friends of Bob Hagen, Fern Anderson, LeRoy Franck, Jen Kosbab and Carron Klukow, called to their eternal rest,

we pray in the hope of the resurrection and the happy reunion that awaits us in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord,

**C: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and for all whom we pray, for the sake of Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

P: Christ is Risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Let us go forth in peace

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "*Because He Lives*"

# *Blessed Easter!*

## **A Reason For Hope**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It is Easter Sunday, and we set aside this day to confess the bodily resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lilies scent the air and alleluias are on our tongues. Yet these happy celebrations aren't reserved for only Easter Sunday. Every Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, and as baptized children of God, our every moment finds meaning and hope in Christ's defeat of sin, death, and the power of the devil.

Sometimes, however, those Easter memories fade and we wonder: Is there anything to hope for? Do we hope only in this life? Do we deserve the pity Paul speaks of in 1 Corinthians 15 because we lack faith in our death-defying, devil-destroying Savior? We often revel in our own pity parties. We wring our hands, get tension headaches, and worry about all the things in life we can't control.

Yet, we have Savior who has gone to the cross, destroyed death, and risen from the dead. Better yet, He did it all for us, out of love and mercy. Now that is a reason for hope!

Lord Jesus, help us to rejoice in Your Easter victory and to live as baptized children of God, relying on Your mercy and abounding in good works. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

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