

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020



HE IS

Risen!

Prelude

Pastor Jeff Johnson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Praise the God and the father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

He gave us new life and hop by raising Jesus from death!

Rejoice then even in your distress!

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears!

God has claimed us as His own!

He has called us from darkness into His marvelous light!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Processional Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today ” Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Hymn of praise



♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



♩ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



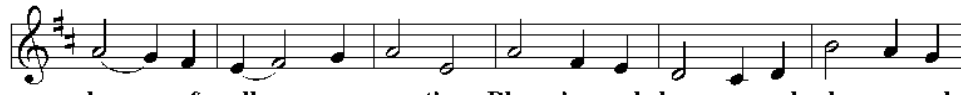
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all ere-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: '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.'

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm: 118.1-2,14-24

Spoken Responsively

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever!

² **Let Israel now declare,
" God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The 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!"**

¹⁶ the 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.**

¹⁸ The 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.**

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

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

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

The Second Reading: Colossians 3.1-4

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle, Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Gospel Matthew 28.1-10

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the twentieth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you O, Lord**

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Kenneth Hilston

Hymn of the Day “Now the Green Blade Rises”

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Refrain. Love is come again like wheat arising green

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen. **Refrain.**

3. Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Raised from the dead, my living LORD is seen; **Refrain.**

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; **Refrain.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father 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,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly 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 with the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son he 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 Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God, of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders (*especially*). Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

All your creations praise you- the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; We set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day; musicians, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died (*especially*). Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

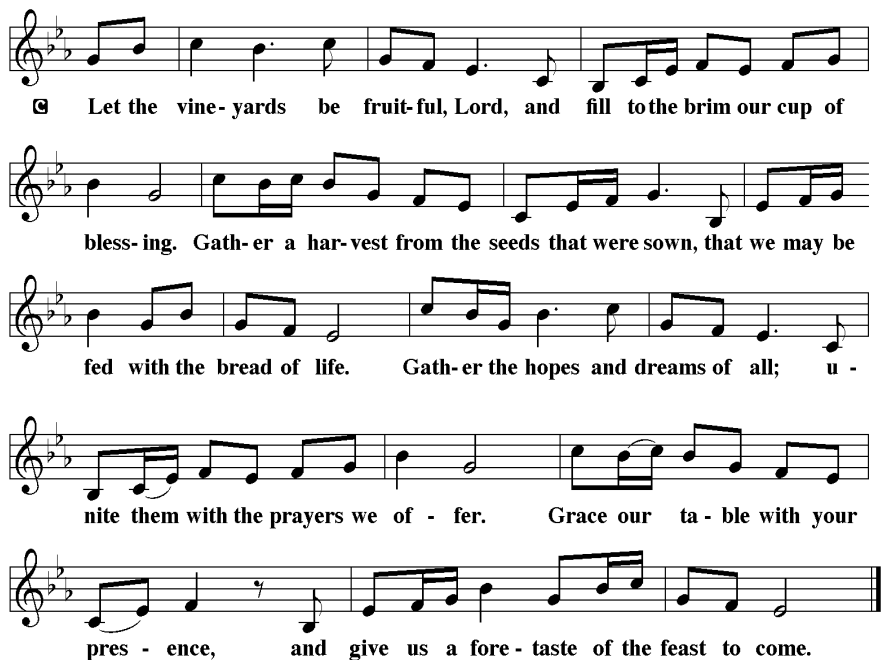
Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

Announcements

OFFERTORY the Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing

Offertory Canticle



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven...”

THE

BLESSING

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

The Sending Hymn “ Thine is the Glory ”

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son

Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!

Lovingly he greets thee, scatter fear and gloom;

let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for the Lord now liveth death has lost its sting! **Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life,

Life is naught with out thee aid us in our strife;

Make us more than conqu'rors,

through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain