

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 12, 2020

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us pray. Eternal God, in the risen Jesus you have given the light of life to all the world. As we light this candle to remind us of his risen life among us, inflame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of his rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light. We pray in the name of the Risen One, Jesus our Lord.

Amen

The Christ Candle is lit.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Today we light the fire

Aware that the power of the resurrection has changed us forever.

By his cross and suffering

Jesus has redeemed the world and washed away our sin.

On the third day he rose from the dead

And gave us the victory over sin and death!

Today we celebrate life over death;

Today we celebrate the flame that lives again.

Today we celebrate new life, new joy, new possibilities;

Today we celebrate the Spirit of Life, visible in Jesus, visible in us.

He has turned our sorrow into joy

and our mourning into dancing!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Allelu-u-ia!

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. Allelu-u-ia!

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. Allelu-u-ia!

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. Allelu-u-ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Loving God,

You gave your only Son to suffer death on a cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we might live forever with him in the joy of the resurrection. We pray in the power of Jesus' name. Amen.

READING - Colossians 3:1-4

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

READING - Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he was raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him. This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

VIDEO - "Easter Morning"

MEDITATION

Listen, Sisters! Listen, Brothers!

Listen, sisters! Listen, brothers! to the news that we proclaim:
Spread the word and tell your neighbors we have life in Jesus' name.

All because God loves us dearly, Jesus died for all our sin;
On the third day, God showed clearly, love has conquered, death can't win.

What could be our proclamation if our Lord had not been raised?
For without his resurrection what could give hope to our days?
But, in fact, our Christ is living, first to live of those who've died;
For as all are lost through Adam, so in Christ we're made alive.

What is sown will surely perish; what is raised will still endure.
What is sown is sown in weakness; what is raised will die no more.
Flesh and blood cannot inherit that great kingdom God will bring.
God will change us; never fear it! Death, defeated, has no sting.

APOSTLES CREED

We confess together:

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 into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy,

response: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

This Easter Celebration

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
We ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
But from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —
Who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
A scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
We live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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