

Easter Garden

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Dare to Live Again!

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Prelude Welcome

Call to Worship: Love Brought Me Back! by Mark Miller used by permission from Choristers' Guild

Greeting

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation! You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Come with us, dazzle us with your brilliance, move us to wakefulness –so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. **Amen.**

Time for Confession and Forgiveness

We confess this day that we have been slow to join with Jesus in the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. 'In silence, let us lift up our prayers of confession... *(a time of silence)*

Hear this good news! God has loved you from the very beginning. The invitation of Christ is never-ending: New life in Christ is yours right now. The Holy Spirit is transforming you and In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today! (*Printed on next page*) 365 Latin carol 14th century sts.1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyrica Davidica 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; hymn 7777 and alleluias

1.Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 in heaven above 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!

Prayer of the day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive! Increase in our minds and in our hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, with Jesus, with all gathered to you before us. This we ask in your name. **Amen.**

The Word Children's Moment

First Reading: Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited:

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Give thanks to the LORD. For the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever." The LORD is my strength and my song, And has become my salvation. Shouts of rejoicing and salvation Echo in the tents of the righteous; "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" I shall not die, but live. And declare the works of the LORD. The LORD indeed punished me sorely, But did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. "This is the gate of the LORD; Here the righteous may enter." I give thanks to you, for you have answered me And you have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done: It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Greeting (sing it out!):

Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!

Gospel John 20. 1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord! (Gospel response, sing it out!) Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Halle, halle, hallelu---jah! Hallelujah, halle-lujah!

Message

Hymn of the Day: *The Trumpets Sound!* 531 Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; copyright 1989 Make Way Music; The feast is ready LM and refrain

1.The trumpets sound the angel sing the feast is ready to begin The gates of heav'n are open wide and Jesus welcomes you inside. *Ref.*

2.Tables are laden with good things; oh taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. *Ref.*

3.The hungry heart he satisfies, **o**ffers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Ref.*

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heav'ns love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Apostles Creed

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 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.

The Peace Announcements

Anthem from our choir: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Ron Loree; copyright Lorenz Publishing Co

Prayers of the Church

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(A brief moment of silence)

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; Reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!"

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Words of Institution The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

We who are many are one body as we share this one bread. The gifts of God for the people of God! **Thanks be to God!**

(We share in communion in place, during the meditation hymn) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer

Life-giving God, Christ has died and Christ is risen! You have fed us with your word and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us out to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your weeping into dancing. May Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless you, now and forever. **Amen!**

Sending Hymn: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" 860 African American spiritual

1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2.Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3.When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

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