

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday



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+ HOLY COMMUNION – SETTING ONE +

It is appropriate to stand during prayer and when receiving the Eucharist during the Easter Season. The Easter emphasis is on justification: “Because of what God has done in Christ through the cross and resurrection, I am justified and can stand before him.”

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Sonata in A” by F. Mendelssohn

THE DEMONIC COUNCIL

Devil A fine morning...
I have plotted and contrived for millennia.
I have spent all my coercive power to corrupt the
powers and principalities.
And finally, I have won!
Jesus is dead!
God is dead!
And now, I rule over all creation!

Minion 1 But sir...

Devil The immoral bow at my feet.
They suffer in torment at my bidding.

Minion 2 Sir, he is risen.

Devil I am in total control.
I take the field victorious in the cosmic battle.

Minion 1 Sir?

Devil What?

Minion 1 HE IS RISEN

Devil Who is risen?

Minion 2 Jesus Christ is risen.

Devil What? Jesus Christ is risen?

Minions 1&2 He is risen indeed.

Devil What?

Congregation (loudly) Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Devil What?

Congregation (very loudly) shouts with joy:
Alleluia, Christ is risen
He is risen indeed alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

Now, All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds

No. 367

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray. 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 for ever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Sung* **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare,

“God's mercy en- | dures 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 pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver 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 righ- | teous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the LORD has | this been done;

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,
and to the | Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin-| ning, is now
and will be forever. | Amen.

SECOND LESSON **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to

the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia

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Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.
Please be seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand as you are able.*

A On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need, saying, hear our prayer.

A You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We lift up: Bruce Beamer, Anna Berwanger, June Chadwick, Chrystine Cuch, Mariette Erasmus, Adeline Erick, Norma Gummo, Dolores Hollowell, Donna Harbor, Eleanora Lahoda, Fay Larsen, Jean McCowan, Mark Mutschlechner, Bruce and Judith Nagel, Ruby Panser, Joyce Rasmussen, David Sr. and Joan Richardson, Laurena Schnell, Vern Schnell, Rose Sinclair, Sam Skogen, Katherine Wellman,

those we name aloud... and those we carry in our hearts. Lord,
in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

For those who serve in the holy catholic Church:

- for the Synod of Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod, for synod staff, pastors, people, and Bishop Jason Zinko
- for the Northern Area, Leadership Team, pastors, and people and Rev. Anna Thede, Dean
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Rev. George Koopmans, Chaplain for Medicine Hat College
- for retired bishops, pastors, deacons, and other retired church leaders
- for New Life Chinese Lutheran, Edmonton, and Holy Spirit Lutheran, Edmonton
- for the students, faculty, and staff of Luther College, Regina, Saskatchewan
- for San Marcos Congregation, Bucaramanga, Colombia
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina
- for the ministers and people of the United Church of Canada
- for the Anglican, Mennonite, and Moravian Churches

For all these, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For all virtually gathered for this service, and those attending to the care of others and to beneficial endeavours that keep them away from worshipping, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For peace among nations and forbearance among all people. For Ukraine and all areas experiencing the terror of war. Let the bloodshed come to an end. For wisdom, peace, and justice to prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

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P May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

OFFERING *Setting of the table.*

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Easter Alleluia” by L. McGlohon

OFFERING PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

A We 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 Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER XI

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Version I)

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THE FRACTION

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

Assistants and those in need commune first.

COMMUNION HYMNS

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright **No. 384**
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing **No. 389**

TABLE BLESSING *Please stand as you are able.*

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING PRAYER

A We pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

SOLEMN BLESSINGS OF EASTER *Please stand as you are able.*

P May almighty God bless you on this solemn feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

C Amen.

P Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises, and bless you with eternal life.

C Amen.

P You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

C Amen.

P (sung) May almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C (sung on one tone) Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today **No. 365**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Litanies” by J. Alain



WELCOME to all gathered here today, especially all guests and visitors. We are blessed to have you worship with us. You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby). Join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs after worship, Questions? Ask one of today’s servants or speak with the pastor. We will continue to provide online worship for those unable to attend in-person.

SPECIAL THANKS to the choir, and the minions of the Demonic Council for their participation today.

WE THANK TODAY’S SERVANTS

Ushers:	Nale Poromon, Mariette Erasmus
Lector:	Nale Poromon
Assistant Minister:	Walter Anderson
Altar Guild:	Helen Sandau
Refreshments:	Nicky Mutschlechner, Al & Pat Fedkenheuer
Zoom Host:	Phil Tang, Ahmed Conteh

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

24 March	Last Week	Budget 2024
Current	\$3,555	\$2,911
Benevolence	\$0	
Building Fund	\$30	
Other	\$740	
Attendance	48	

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	31 Mar	11:45 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments
		2:00 PM	CFMA Worship
Monday	1 Apr	Office	Closed
		7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Tuesday	2 Apr	6:30 PM	Never Alone Peer Support
Wednesday	3 Apr	9:30 AM	12 Step Program
		6:30 PM	Elders
Thursday	4 Apr	1:00 PM	K.S.G.

Friday	5 Apr	7:00 PM	12 Step Program
Saturday	6 Apr	9:00 AM	House of Hope Worship
		10:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Ace Casino Airport
		1:00 PM	K.S.G.
		8:00 PM	12 Step Program
Sunday	7 Apr	9:30 AM	Choir practice
		10:30 AM	Second Sunday of Easter

THANK YOU to all who so generously provided donations for our Easter flowers.

HOLY WEEK SERVANTS- thank you to all who made our services so meaningful.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE – held today. Any donations are welcome.

HIGHWOOD HIGHLIGHTS – the April edition and Activity Calendar is available in the narthex.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, 6 April at 10:00 AM. Location is Ace Airport Casino. Bring a friend and sign-up downstairs.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - All ladies are welcome to join us in our bible study on Tuesday 9 April at 1:00 PM downstairs. Rides can be arranged with Pat, Clarice, or Helga. Bring a friend if you like, as we all learn from each other.

LAUDATE COMMUNITY SINGERS – present “Sound the Trumpet, Sing His Praise”, Saturday 13 April at 7:00 PM. Calgary First Church of the Nazarene (65 Richard Way SW Calgary). More info on posters.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY – Reminder that the booklets have arrived, and everyone is welcome to take a copy from the table in the narthex. Donations are gratefully accepted towards the subscription cost which is only \$13.25.

HOSPICE CALGARY – Dying to Know Webinar “Ambiguous Loss & Grief in Dementia” 16 April 2024, 6:00 PM. Poster is downstairs.

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES - Walk Run or Roll Fundraiser is Saturday 27 April 2024 starting at Faith Lutheran Church. You may add your donation to your offering envelope and mark it Lutheran Hospital Ministries. Poster and forms are downstairs.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

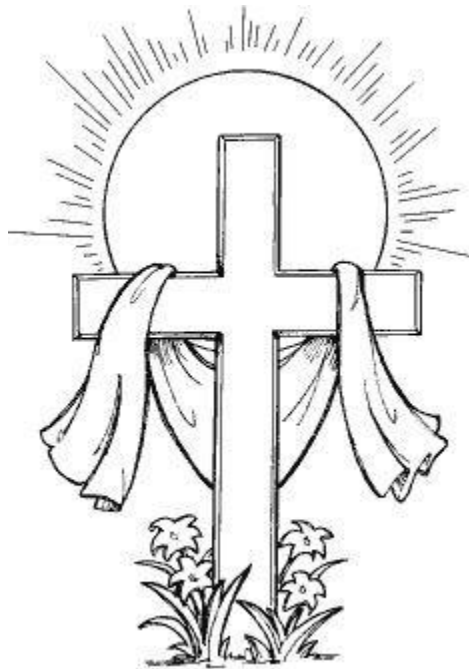
Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 113

John 20:19-31



*Easter Blessings to you
and your loved ones.*