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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
*Sunday, April 12, 2020*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Organ Fanfare

—Eliot

**Entrance Hymn - #365 Easter Hymn**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation has procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Greeting

P: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised  
from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Hymn of Praise - #376 Judas Maccabaeus**

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the  
Vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes  
where thy body lay

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he  
greet thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now loveth;  
death hath lost its sting!

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
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:

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## **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 love with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **Today's Readings**

### **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: now 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. 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 to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who are and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people 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.'

## **Today's Readings**

### **Psalmody: 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.

## **Today's Readings**

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 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.

**Alleluia Verse**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

**Today's Readings**

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord**

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 that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his 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."

**Easter Message: April 12, 2020**

**Pastor Chris**

Turmoil, upheaval, fear, not knowing what's next???

All these emotions seem all too real for us today. The Covid19 Coronavirus has shattered our normal lifestyles. It has wreaked havoc on our health, our plans, our normal way of life, and even how, when, and if we should even be in the presence of one another.

These four words, or catch-phrases (Turmoil, upheaval, fear, not knowing what's next) have also led the way to two more catchphrases we have become all too familiar with...

"Self-Quarantining", and "social distancing" ...

A new way of life...our new reality. And not just for us as Christians in the United States, but for Christians around the world...

And not just Christians around the world, but our ENTIRE global community.

Where do we go from here?

What do we do next?

Both these questions, and so many more, are very valid fears and concerns.

In light of these questions, we are blessed to be able to go one place for hope, guidance, and strength in the midst of all we have, are, and will continue to face in these difficult times...the Gospel of Christ Jesus...Easter Sunday...the Resurrection Story...

For in it we find hope, and peace, and comfort in the love of God in Christ Jesus for each of us.

Turmoil, upheaval, fear, not knowing what's next, self-quarantining, social distancing...

All these words and catch-phrases can be viewed through the lens of The Resurrection.

Turmoil, upheaval, fear, not knowing what's next...

All these emotions and realities were faced by the disciples after Jesus death upon the Cross and burial within the tomb.

Their lives were torn asunder by what they witnessed. Not just Jesus death upon the Cross, but everything they had witnessed, and had taken part in alongside Jesus during his, and their three-years together.

Their three-year ministry was a time full of wonder, amazement, grace, love, and mercy. They felt safe and secure so long as they were in the presence of Jesus. But after Good Friday, after Jesus death and burial, they were no longer in his physical presence.

And they feared the unknown, and they feared for their lives. The resurrection story from the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John tell us of the disciples hiding themselves behind locked doors and shut windows...until Jesus re-appeared to them.

And his resurrection wiped all their fears away. Even those of Thomas who was not present during Jesus' initial post-resurrection appearances to the disciples, after Jesus re-appeared a week later in a similar setting.

We have hope, we have a light that shines in the darkness of death, of our current context, of our fears and anxieties. But as is often the case with the Gospel story and Jesus' resurrection...there is even more!!!

For it is in our remaining two catchphrases that we find our hope and comfort.

Self-quarantining, and social distancing...

These are words Christ Jesus himself experienced and used to fulfill God's promises to us all; the promises fulfilled by Easter Sunday.

Jesus was abandoned by everyone when he faced the religious leaders' accusations and condemnation.

Jesus faced the Roman soldier's cruelty.

Jesus faced the shame and embarrassment of being publicly ridiculed and chastised by the crowd as he journeyed from Pilate's sentencing to Golgotha to be crucified.

Jesus faced the pain and suffering of the Cross alone.

Jesus was laid in the tomb, dead, and alone.

But what Christ Jesus did through all of this, was that he went forward, and embraced it of his own accord. He knew it was coming. He knew it was His calling to absorb the full cost of our sin...

And he did so willingly, and alone.

To restore us to God.

To ensure to us the promises of the Kingdom of heaven.

To remove the cost of sin from our lives.

To restore eternal life upon us.

Christ Jesus self-quarantined himself from us in order to take upon himself the iniquity of us all.

And Christ Jesus socially distanced himself from us by being laid within the cold, dark, tomb...alone.

You see, as we face the turmoil, upheaval, fear, not knowing what's next, self-Quarantining, and social distancing of our current context with the Coronavirus pandemic, Christ Jesus embraced all these same challenges for us so very long ago.

The continual story of the Gospel message is that God broke into our human existence to make a way for us to make our way back to God.

**You see, Christ Jesus went there first!**

And through his stripes, through his resurrection, we have been healed, and we will continue to be healed.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

**AMEN+**

Silence for Reflection

**Hymn of the Day—#367** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds; "Christ has  
triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of  
angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory  
here: Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has  
triumphed! He is living!" Now still he  
comes to give us life and by his presence stills all  
strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above that we  
conquer through your triumph; grant grace  
sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly  
say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'n-ly blessed sing: "Christ has  
Triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the  
Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy  
God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the 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 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 from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

O God, as the church celebrates Jesus' glorious resurrection from the dead, may we be made bold in our witness to His glorious acts and proclaim His love through all we say and do.

*Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayers*

Gracious God, as we celebrate with joy the most important day of the year, may Your love and presence extend to all nations and peoples, especially to those places where there is war, hunger, disease, disaster. Brighten the hopes of all who look to you in the difficulties which threaten to darken their lives.

*Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayers*

Healing God, in the midst of their sorrow, Mary and the others at the empty tomb were uplifted and given new joy and hope in the knowledge of Jesus' resurrection. Give that new hope to all who are ill, hospitalized, those facing difficult days, and those who are lonely or afraid. We especially pray for members of our Congregation.

*Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayers*

For all who look to you in their needs: illness, loneliness, grief, and all other difficulties, we also pray for family members and friends; for shut-ins and those residing in nursing and personal care homes; for those serving in the Armed Forces and for those who mourn.

We also pray for those we now name before you (Pause)

*Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayers*

Into your hands, Gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting

In your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

## Peace

### Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

### Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

### Dismissal:

A: Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, go in peace  
to love and serve the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA!

**Recessional Hymn- #382 Morgenlied**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears. (Refrain)

Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
Through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;  
Death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,  
Angels on his steps attend, glory round his wounded brow. (Refrain)

Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay  
Now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. (Refrain)

Christ is risen! Hence-forth never death or hell shall us enthrall,  
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
Hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (Refrain)

(Refrain:)

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

*God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

Organ Postlude Christus Resurrexit

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Go In Peace. Love And Serve The Lord.

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