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April 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy.
The tomb is empty.
Clap your hands.
Death is cheated.
Dance and sing.
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed.

EASTER INTROIT*"Arise! Arise! 'Tis Easter Morning"*

- Frances Byrd

Arise! Arise! 'Tis Easter morning.
Come see the tomb where Jesus lay.
The angels wait to tell the story,
That Christ the Lord is risen today.
O mortal man now made immortal,
Come bind yourself to Christ your King.
Come now and lay your sins before Him
And journey forth His praises to sing.
Arise! Arise!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of grace, and God of glory, pour your power on your people this day, that our lives may reflect the gift we have received through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection"

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over,
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents,
May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein!
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end. Amen.

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

CHOIR RESPONSE

REFLECTION MUSIC "Jesus Messiah" - Carson, Cash, Reeves & Tomlin (arr. Dennis Allen)

He became sin, who knew no sin,
that we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing! Love so amazing!

Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
His body, the bread, His blood, the wine,
broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing! Love so amazing!
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.
All our hope is in You; All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world!
Jesus, Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus, Messiah,
Lord of all. The Lord of all!

SERMON

“He is ris’n!”

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

HEAR GOD’S WORD

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
One holy and universal Christian Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

HYMN "Ye Servants of God"

Ye servants of God,
Your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad
His wonderful name;
The name all-victorious
Of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious
And rules over all.

God ruleth on high,
Almighty to save,
And still He is nigh,
His presence we have;
The great congregation
His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation
To Jesus, our King.

"Salvation to God,
Who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud
And honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus
The angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces
And worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore
And give Him His right,
All glory and power,
And wisdom and might;
All honor and blessing
With angels above,
And thanks never ceasing
And infinite love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.

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