

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunrise Service

St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Champaign, Illinois

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April 9, 2023

6:00am

Including the Service of Light

The Service begins with the blessing of the Paschal Candle. Please stand.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with you, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Let us Pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this day in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The following Responsory is sung three times:

P The Light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

The *Exsultet (Easter Proclamation)* is sung by the Pastor.

The Service continues with the Litany of the Resurrection.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C hear us.

P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C have mercy on us.

P Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”

C have mercy on us.

P Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C have mercy on us.

P Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C have mercy on us.

P Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C have mercy on us.

P Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

C have mercy on us.

P Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C have mercy on us.

P By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P By Your victory over sin and death,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P By the majesty of Your risen body,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, Lord Jesus.

P That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C grant us, good Lord.

P That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C grant us, good Lord.

P That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C grant us, good Lord.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Lord,

C have mercy

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen

Easter Acclamation:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You made this most sacred morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so

that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

P The Old Testament reading is from Exodus 14:10-15:1.

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." ¹³ And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." ¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen." ¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud

moved from before them and stood behind them,
²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel.
And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the
night without one coming near the other all night. ²¹ Then
Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and
the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all
night and made the sea dry land, and the waters
were divided. ²² And the people of Israel went into the
midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to
them on their right hand and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians
pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea,
all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his
horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the LORD in the
pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian
forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a
panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove
heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before
Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the
Egyptians." ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out
your hand over the sea, that the water may come back
upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their
horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the
sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the
morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it,
the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea.
²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the
horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed
them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But
the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea,
the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on
their left. ³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the
hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead
on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that
the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared
the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his
servant Moses. ^{15:1} Then Moses and the people of
Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to
the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and
his rider he has thrown into the sea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I
preached to you, which you received, in which you
stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast
to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in
vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I
also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance
with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was
raised on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the
twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred
brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though
some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James,
then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely
born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the
apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I
am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so
you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth
chapter. (20:1-18)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So 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.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn 478 *The Day of Resurrection*

Sermon “*The Defeat of Death*” John 20:1-18

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

“*Christ Lag in Todesbanden*”

Zachau

Stand

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Concluding Sentences

P After his resurrection Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said,

C **Peace be with you!**

P Peace be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.

C **Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed.**

P This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world?

C **Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

P Our Lord says, “I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
C **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”**
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
all.
C **Amen.**

Hymn 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Postlude – “*Christ Lag in Todesbanden*”
Scheidt

Serving Today –

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organists: Eli

Elders: Mark & Jim

Trumpet: Terry

*The Staff of St. John Lutheran Church
and School wishes everyone a blessed
Easter celebration filled with joy and the
peace of Jesus Christ.*