

Song of the Day: "Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today" #365

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**V1: Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia**

**V2: 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!**

**V3: But the pain which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia**

**V4: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

Offertory Response: "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offering Prayer:

P: Let us pray together,

C: We thank you God for Eternal Life given to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Use the gifts we lay upon your Table to bring life to our church and community. May your gift of life to us become gifts of life for our neighbors through us. Amen.

Statement of Faith: "In Christ Alone"

**Vs 1: In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**Vs 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of Love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on the cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.**

**Vs 3: No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

The Prayers: (call and response)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.* Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day those who are ill especially Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Geri Lindholm, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Ella Hadler, Rod Nardinger and Beth Carlson. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace: P: Jesus Christ has risen for you! C: Amen, thanks be to God.

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: 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.

The Meal & Hymns: "Jesus Loves Me" #595

Vs 1: Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Vs 2: Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.

He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Vs 3: Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way;

when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. [Refrain]

Communion Prayer: (please stand as you are able) P: Let us pray together,

C: Life-giving God, in the gift 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. May the Risen Christ live through us in word and deed. Amen.

Blessing:

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy and turn our hearts toward our neighbors in love. May almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Thine Is The Glory!" #376

Vs 1: 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 grave-clothes where thy body lay.

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

Vs 2: Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear & gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

Vs 3: No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without 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]

Dismissal: P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace and share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Easter Sunday Worship

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Zion 7:00AM • March 31, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

The Easter Litany:

The Easter Litany and Confession takes place outside as we greet the rising sun. We greet the rising sun as a confession of our own faith that Christ, God's only Son, has indeed risen from the dead. We look in faith toward the promise of resurrection given in our baptisms.

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our rock, our light, and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray together.

C: 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, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Living in Jesus' promise of new life we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, the light of Easter morning shines after the darkness of Good Friday. Forgive us when we hide our darkness from your light. When we hide brokenness and only show you wholeness, forgive us. When we cover shame and guilt with pride and pretense, forgive us. When we point out the speck in our neighbor's eye but ignore the log in our own eye, forgive us. When we choose old, harmful ways of living over new, life-giving ways, forgive us. Shine your light on us and make us new. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

P: Christ has risen! You are free from sin and death. Live as people set free.

Processional Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" #556 *During the Hymn all are invited to enter Zion together.*

**Vs. 1: Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Vs. 2: Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from Heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Vs. 3: Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's re-creation of the new day!**

The Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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." ⁸So 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: This is the Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God**

Homily: Pastor Eric Hanson