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The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day – April 1, 2018

PRELUDE – “Thine is the Glory” – Robert Thygeron

CONFESSION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen**

THE READING: ROMANS 6:3-11

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...Grant to us, LORD, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, your Son, may also live with him in the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Paschal Candle is lit.

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: May the light of Christ rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C: We are illumined by the brightness of his rising in glory.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and illumine your Church.

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ our LORD. Amen.

HYMN #365 “JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY”

GREETING

P: The LORD is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: This is the day the LORD has made. Alleluia!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

KYRIE ELEISON

Leader | Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

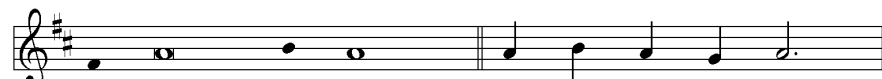
Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al-so with you.

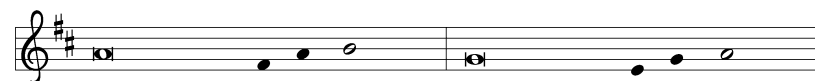
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us 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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

ACTS 10:34-43

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24 (Sung responsively) Tone 1



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

**2Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy en-dures forever."**

14The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

15Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

16The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**17I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

18The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

**19Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

20"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

**21I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

22The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**23By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

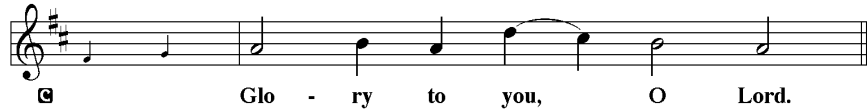
EASTER VERSE *Refrain sung by Congregation*

Refrain



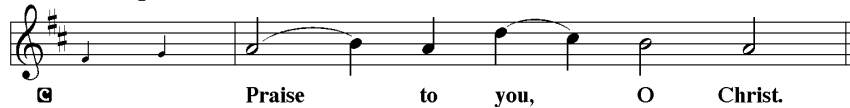
P; Christ being raised from the dead will die no more; death no longer has dominion over him. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

P: The Gospel of the LORD.



THE SERMON

HYMN #361 "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!"

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 the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

THE PRAYERS

Response : "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING – "LOVE ROLLED THE STONE AWAY" – STONE & CARLSON

Offering is gathered for the poor and those with needs in our community and world.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

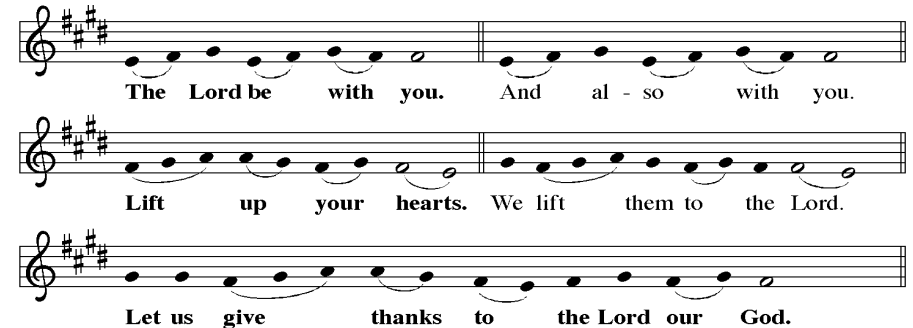
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of our Father,

C: on this holy day in this holy season you give us the joy of recalling the rising of Christ to new life. Accept the offerings of your people and, by these Easter mysteries, bring us to the glory of the Resurrection. We ask this through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *The pastor offers the prayer.*

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever...

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

**HYMNS: #376 "THINE IS THE GLORY"
#379 "NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES"**

BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

A: Let us pray...All powerful and ever-living God, in your Holy Supper we celebrate the Mystery of Faith. By this Easter Sacrament, renew in us the gift of faith in the New Life it promises. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #366 "THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE"

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" – MARK HAYES



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WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

We especially welcome those who are visiting. We invite you to sign our guest register in the narthex. Blank envelopes in the pews are for visitors.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD...

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....

ACTS 10:34-43: Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11: The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

MARK 16:1-8: The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: Alleluia! I have seen the Lord. (John 20:18)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Risen Savior, come to us in the darkness of night and enlighten us with your saving light. Amen.

BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR.....Sick/Recovering: Anthony Abate, Jake Dilger, Connie Fazekas, Doris Heiserman, Marie Miller, Carl Ritter, Shannon Silliman,

Note: This is a short-term list, for those who are in "acute care" situations—hospitalized or in recovery, dying, facing the recent death of a loved one, or presently facing a severe life crisis. The names of persons for whom we pray will be kept on the list for one month. If you wish to have them placed back on the list please contact the church office.

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

CELEBRANT	The Rev. James Hammond
ORGANIST	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
GREETERS	Sandy, Savannah & Sierra Giannattasio
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Ortwein
LECTOR	Amy Ortwein
CANTOR	Ron Fried
USHERS	John & Marcy Sumoski
CHURCH COUNCIL REP	Amy Ortwein

CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal at Blue Church.
9 AM Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.
10 AM Egg Hunt.
10:30 AM Worship.

WED.: 9 AM Quilting at Blue Church.

SAT.: 9 AM Fix Up Work Party at Blue Church.

NEXT SUN.: 9 AM Choir Rehearsal.
9:30 AM Christian Education at Blue Church.
10:30 AM Worship.
7 PM Confirmation Classes.

C O M I N G E V E N T S - m a r k y o u r c a l e n d a r !

APR. 7, 2018 - 9 AM - Work Party in the church.

Please plan to join us. There is a sheet in the Narthex to add your suggestions of things that need to be repaired.

APR. 8, 2018 - 7 PM Confirmation Class.

APR. 9, 2018 - 7 PM Church Council Meeting.

**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:
SANCUARY LAMP...**by David Link in memory of mother's
Birthday.

COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...by Roger and Edie
Knappenberger

THANK YOU to everyone who donated hard-cooked eggs, candy, and the plastic eggs that were filled for the egg hunt. It was greatly appreciated.

ALSO, IF YOU HAVE EXTRA PLASTIC EGGS, DON'T THROW THEM OUT! Bring them to church so we can use them next year for our egg hunt. A large plastic bin will be in the narthex for you to "lay your eggs." Thanks.

MANY THANKS to the choir and Tom Barnak for offering their time and talents this Easter Season. We also thank everyone that helped prepare the nave for worship services throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Our thanks to the folks who sponsored the Easter flowers which adorn the Altar area.

**CAROL & RON STOUTD
JoAN & GEORGE HOTTENSTEIN
IRENE FREDERICK
LOIS & WARREN ADAMS
PASTOR JIM AND JANET
PAULA & MIKE CLARK
MICHAEL DENORA FAMILY
LAUREN OLESKOWITZ
AMY ORTWEIN
SHIRLEY HILDEBRAND
DICK & SUE STORAT**

ABOUT EASTER.....

The celebration of the resurrection of Christ is the "queen of feasts" of the church year. All other days and feasts of the Christian year focus on this day, for it is this reason Christ came into the world: to die and be raised that sin and death be destroyed.

The origin of the word Easter is disputed, but it probably relates to the fact that the sun rises in the East. The original name for the Resurrection celebration was *Pasch* (pronounced PAHSK), from Greek and Hebrew words meaning "passing through," referring to the Israelites rescue from bondage when the avenging angel passed over their homes; the Israelites passage through the Red Sea; and Jesus' passage through death to new life.

The Resurrection of Christ has been celebrated as a distinct festival since the early 2nd century (100 AD); it was the first festival in the church year. The earliest observance of Easter was at the Easter Vigil, celebrated on Easter Eve.

Easter celebrates an event so great that it cannot be limited to one day. Thus, Easter consists of fifty days, a "week of weeks" (a period originally known as the *Pentecost*, from the Greek meaning "fifty"). Since the early Church, several practices have marked the fifty days: kneeling was prohibited on Sundays of Easter (because standing is the posture of resurrection), fasting was prohibited (fasting is for Lent and Holy Week, but Easter is for feasting), and "Alleluia" was restored to the liturgy on Easter as a profound expression of joy in the Resurrection.

Indeed, today is the day Jesus Christ rose from the darkness of the grave to new life. Today is the day when the Church celebrates its birth from the waters of baptism and its new life in the Holy Supper. Though suffering, injustice, and sin continue to mark the world in which we live, the Christian community goes forth from font and table with Christ's mission to heal, liberate, and forgive. In the Fifty Days of Easter rejoicing, the church asks the question: How does our baptism send us forth in joyful service to the world?
