

Liturgy of Word & Sacrament for the Resurrection of Christ

Sunday, April 4, 2021

9:30 am

Zion UCC, Lowden

BOLD PRINT = congregation

*Indicates those who are able, please stand

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US



If you are worshipping with us online and would like to receive communion,
be sure to have some bread and wine/juice ready.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O glorious morning, for the stone has been rolled away!

The women came running to tell us. Christ has risen!

Death clothes cast aside to bind up broken hearts.

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

The tomb is empty, our hearts are full. Alleluia!

Our tears have been turned to laughter. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

*HYMN

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the bright light of Easter morning, our sin is exposed, but Your grace is revealed.
Tender God, we are bold to come before You and ask You to forgive us.

**Your radical grace, O God, bursts our tombs of despair, and sweeps us into praise.
For the times we have betrayed You, for our trust in human power over Your
power, for our seeking revenge, and for all the times we have taken lightly what
cost You dearly, forgive us, we pray. On this glad resurrection day, pull us from the
pit into the bright light of Christ, that we may follow and live. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Reconciliation

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Easter Sunday prayer from the Orthodox Liturgy

"Behold, today is the day of the resurrection: let us glory in the feast, let us embrace one
another in joy & say:

**'O friends and enemies too: we forgive everything on resurrection day.
Let us all say together: Christ is risen from the dead! He is truly risen!'**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Please exchange a sign of peace, greeting one another with these or similar words.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING

Acts 10: 34 - 43

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

HYMN

Lord of the Dance, vss. 1 & 5

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Crossroads

by Kevin Olson

*DOXOLOGY

The Day of Resurrection

No. 245

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that has no end.

The SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION

Luke the evangelist wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

ALL: **Together, we are blessed by being here.**

*THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is risen!

We have seen the Lord!

Lift up your hearts, people of God.

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

We offer our thanks and praise to the One who gives us new life.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You show no partiality, but accept everybody who loves You,

and does what is right through faith. Therefore, on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to you:

SANCTUS (*singing*):

Nicaea

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea!
Holy! Holy! Holy! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is Christ who comes to set us free.

(congregation may be seated)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom You sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins.

He came with mercy in his voice, and was mocked as one despised.

He came with peace in his heart, and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb, and at his command the gates of hell were opened. The One who was dead now lives. The One who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation, the Lamb upon the throne. The One ascended on high is with us always, as He promised.

We give You thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before He died, took bread, thanked you as we have thanked you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which is given for you.

Each time you do this, remember me. @

In the same way He took the cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, remember me."

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ :

**Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our Life
Lord Jesus, come in glory!**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry.

Served at the Table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and hearts, not just our lips.

Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come. Amen.

THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

"Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ."

"Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives."

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

All those wishing to know the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ are welcome at His table. We receive the bread and the cup together in the sanctuary or across the miles. The distance we keep for the health and safety of each other is dissolved in the unity given by

our Lord. Please wait until all have been served, and we will receive the elements together.

*PRAYER after COMMUNION

Lord, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

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*BENEDICTION

written by Rita R. Snowden

Hang out your hallelujahs!

The tomb is open, the Roman guard gone, death defeated!

The man of Life walks again, comforting the troubled, healing the sick, forgiving sinners, spreading his Gospel through the lips and lives of those made new.

Christ is risen!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen, indeed!

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

by Jacques Lemmens

Thank you to our Worship Leaders

Organist	Carter Horman
Liturgist	Kelly Nabb
PowerPoint	Church Council
Videographer	Julie Hoffmeier
Ushers:	Church Council
Council Ushers	Aaron Horman & David Niermeyer

Music & Scriptures for Easter Sunday

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

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

(Vs. 4) Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

HYMN

Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
 And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
 and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Refrain]

*CLOSING HYMN

Thine is the Glory

Words: Edmond Budry/ trans. Richard Hoyle

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, 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 conquering Son,
 Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let His Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. Refrain

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. Refrain

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

New Living Translation

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation God accepts those who fear God and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism.

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

“And we apostles are witnesses of all He did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross, but God raised Him to life on the third day.

Then God allowed Him to appear, not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be His witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with Him after Jesus rose from the dead. And He ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in Him will have their sins forgiven through His name.”

GOSPEL

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But 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. But 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.”

So 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.