

Zion Lutheran Church
Glen Rock, PA
Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
ELW Communion
Sunday, April 4, 2021

*We stand as we are able.

Introduction to the day

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now all creation; sound out, trumpet of salvation and celebrate the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, earth, in the radiance of the light poured upon you, and, made brilliant by the brightness of the Everlasting King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished forever. Rejoice, O Church, clothed in the brightness of this light. Let this house ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of God's people.

This is the day on which heaven and earth are drawn into one and humankind can be restored to communion with God. Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Lord of life,

we confess that we are captive 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.

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” LBW 143

1. Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ hath triumphed, He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!”

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

2. Eternal is the gift he brings,

Therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ hath triumphed, He is living!”

Now still he comes to give us life

And by his presence stills all strife,

Christ has triumph! He is living!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***GREETING**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day which the Lord has made!

Alleluia!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia!

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches, wisdom and strength,

and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor, glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

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

¹⁵**There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has
triumphed!”

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

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

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

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.”

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

²²The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**This is the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of

whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”* LBW 130

1. **“Christ, the Lord, is risen today!”** All on earth with angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply.
4. **Lives again our glorious King!** Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

***NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve (*especially*). Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

***COMMUNION**

As the pastor says the following words, please take a piece of bread.

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

As the pastor says the following words, please take a drink of wine or grape juice.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the
risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LBW 210**

**1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing,
Praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side.
Alleluia!**

**7. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE SOLO: "Easter Alleluia" by Butch Hengst

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's communion elements are sponsored by Donna Price.

Today's altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God, by Donna Price.

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 04/11/21

Acts 4:32-35, Ps 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim, Cecilia and family, Tony & Marci Beyer, Jill Dehoff, Jim Ebaugh and
family, Lind Frey, Irene Grogan, Nancy Heltzel, Linda Kowalewski,
Doug Krout, Don Miller, Jim Ream, Susan Scheungrab, Steve Scott,
Alice Simmons, LeMos & Susette Stallard, Earl Williams, Marian Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services are videotaped and streamed live each week. The purpose of videotaping is to make the service available to those who cannot join in person. The focus of the recording is at the front of the sanctuary, but it is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concern about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

The family of Bob & Jill Bailey are having a card shower for them, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10th. Feel free to share a memory or memories and/or well wishes. Please share this information with any family and friends that you think would like to participate. Cards and well wishes can be sent to:

Bob and Jill Bailey, 4655 Live Oak Rd, Dalzell, SC 29040.

Upcoming Lectors:

April 4 – George Brown

April 11 – Rose Miller

April 18 – Carrie Miller

April 25 – Susie Hengst

Council Offering Duty:

April – Donna Price and Edgar Davis

May – Joy Keller-Brown and George Brown

If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Pastor Katie Brantner at 717-420-0779.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joy Keller-Brown, Donna Price, Bill Ream, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, George Brown, Carrie Miller, Edgar Davis and Gevene Harden

OFFICE HOURS

The office is now open to in person visits. It is best to contact Brenda before stopping in the office because she is still splitting her time working at home and in the office. Brenda can be reached at 717-235-3276 in the office, or on her cell phone at 717-793-7236.

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