

WORSHIP - April 12, 2020

Easter – The Resurrection of Jesus
4th Sunday Apart Due to Coronavirus



PRE-WORSHIP MEDITATION

We long to gather together in-person to worship God side by side. We pray that day comes soon, but until then, we still worship the Triune God together, no matter where we are. Take a moment to pray that God uniquely blesses you and your family during this season. Your sins are still forgiven each day by our crucified and risen Savior. The Holy Spirit still rests on you and in you, leading the church deeper in faith and faithfulness.

He is risen. That is the sweetest sentence in the English language. Some languages only need two words to get the job done. Jesus, true God and true man, was crucified on Friday, but is alive today! Though we might be used to shouting our “Alleluias” in the sanctuary, you will have to do it from your home this year. Your Easter celebration might be small, but so was the first one. The morning was quiet. The tomb was found empty by a few women. Later that day the disciples had quarantined themselves together and locked the doors out of fear. Jesus rose amidst his followers’ sadness, confusion, anxiety, and worry. Maybe today isn’t all that different for you. Amidst whatever grieves and confuses you today, He is risen.

WELCOME

GOD'S WORD – THE STORY OF JESUS' RESURRECTION – Matthew 28:1-10

1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” 8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MOMENT – Scott Jung, Director of Family Life & Discipleship

PROCESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

SING – JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**LSB 457**

- 1) Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
 Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
 Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
 Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
 Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
- 3) But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
 Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
 Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
 Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
- 4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVOCATION**GOD'S WORD 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

1 Now 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.

CONFESSON & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SING – KING OF KINGS

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit, three in one
 God of glory, Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings**

And the morning that You rose
 All of Heaven held its breath
 'Til that stone was moved for good
 For the Lamb had conquered death
 And the dead rose from their tombs
 And the angels stood in awe
 For the souls of all who'd come
 To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
 Then the Spirit lit the flame
 Now this gospel truth of old
 Shall not kneel, shall not faint
 By His blood and in His name
 In His freedom I am free
 For the love of Jesus Christ
 Who has resurrected me

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit, three in one
 God of glory, Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings
 Praise forever to the King of Kings**

MESSAGE "Easter is for Every Day" John 20 & Matthew 28

John 20:19-23

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

SING – I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES st.1-4

1) I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living head.

2) He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.

3) He lives to bless me with His love;
 He lives to plead for me above;
 He lives my hungry soul to feed;
 He lives to help in time of need.

4) He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

PRAYERS

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.

BENEDICTION

SING – I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES st.5-8

5) He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.

6) He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7) He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8) He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!