

Easter Morning Worship

Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia
God's triumphant holy day, alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting, alleluia
Dying once, he all doth save, alleluia
Where thy victory O grave, alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ hath led, alleluia
Following our exalted Head, alleluia
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Song of Praise: Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed

How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death, sing, sing hallelujah

For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes
Alive he stands, their friend and King, Christ, Christ is risen

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed
But blessed are those who have not seen yet sing hallelujah

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live his grace; go tell of his goodness

Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All 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

The Psalm 118;1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The 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.

18 The 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.

22 The 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.

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

The Epistle: A reading from the book of Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Song: Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy holy is he
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living colors, flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to you the only wise King

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water, such a marvelous mystery

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

Glory to you Lord Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her,

“Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

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.

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and

humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Song: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, his love endures forever

For he is good, he is above all things, his love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong

Forever God is with us, forever, forever

With a might hand and an outstretched arm, his love endures forever

And for the life that's been reborn, his love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong

Forever God is with us, forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun, his love endures forever

And by the grace of God we will carry on, his love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong

Forever God is with us, forever, forever

Dismissal