



HE IS NOT HERE

He is
RISEN

FESTIVAL WORSHIP
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12, 2020

PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns – arr. S. Tucker

Resurrection Brass Ensemble

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WELCOME

EASTER GREETING

L Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L This is the day the Lord has made!

C We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L We sound our Easter greeting.

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

L In Baptism your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. To remind ourselves of what happens at our baptism, we speak the words that were spoken at our baptism:

C In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Sanctuary Choir, Heavenly Handbells
and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar,
reminding us that Christ leads us into the Presence and Love of God.*

- 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 Men: But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
All: 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!

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PASTORAL GREETING

- L The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the Love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray.

L Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His abundant Mercy has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, to an inexpressible and glorious joy in Him, to Whom with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity, be ascribed all honor, might, majesty, and power forever.

C **Amen**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 10:34-43

(Peter proclaims the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right. You know the Message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the Good News of Peace through Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.

"We are witnesses of everything He did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed Him by hanging Him on a cross, but God raised Him from the dead on the third day and caused Him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 Whom God appointed 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL ANTHEM

Jesus Messiah – C. Tomlin

1. **He became sin who knew no sin
that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself and carried the cross,
Love so amazing; love so amazing:**

Refrain

**Jesus, Messiah, name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The rescue for sinners,
The ransom from heaven,
Jesus, Messiah, LORD of all.**

2. **His body the bread; His blood the wine
broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn,
Love so amazing; love so amazing:**

Refrain

**All our hope is in You,
all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world:**

Refrain

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EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

(Living as those made alive in Christ.)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the Right Hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ, Who is your Life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in Glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Sanctuary Choir and Resurrection Brass Ensemble

“Hallelujah Chorus” from *The Messiah* – G. F. Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah!*

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EASTER GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

(The resurrection of Jesus from the dead)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.

Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you. " So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

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- 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.

- 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!

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SERMON

The God Who Shatters Our Silence

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Matthew 28:1-10

See Sermon Outline on Page 11

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Ancient Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ –
True God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also True Man, born of the Virgin Mary,
is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, Precious Blood
and with His Innocent Suffering and Death,
that I may be His own
and live under Him in His Kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence,
and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Risen, Hallelujah! – D. Wagner

Heavenly Handbells

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE EASTER GIFT OF THE INDWELLING WORD OF GOD

C Jesus Christ, Loving Savior, word of Your Easter victory shook the silence of the women who visited Your tomb on the very first Easter. Today You live as the Word of God in me, causing me and all who have been baptized into You to be buried with You into death that we might also be raised from the dead and walk in newness of life! In Holy Communion, I eat and drink Your very own body and blood in and with bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins. Since I cannot now receive You in this sacrament, preserve Your Word at work in me that I might be sustained in the everlasting hope I share with Christians everywhere and proclaim Your death and resurrection until You come again. In Your Name I pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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

- P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C Amen.

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today— arr. V. Nelhybel

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- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through mail and electronic giving.)

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Our Lord, Is Risen Today – M. Vulpius, arr. W. Livingston

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Celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.

Greet one another with the ringing shout, "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

The stone has been rolled away. The tomb stands open wide.

Christ's Resurrection makes possible the rolling away of the stone of eternal death for His Easter people.

And even more– the huge stone of despair, discouragement, doubt, and defeat can be rolled away from each Christian's heart.

In response we say and sing "Alleluia!"

Easter begins the church's season of "Alleluias."

They have been omitted during Lent in the contemplation of Christ's suffering.

This morning, may our "Alleluias" soar Heavenward.

The God Who Shatters Our Silence (Matt. 28:1–10) Resurrection of Our Lord (Cycle A)

The first Easter morning was a time that God’s “joyful noise” shattered the silence of the hope-less! Then and now the risen Christ uses us to speak Life into a scared and anxious world overwhelmed by the specter of death. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

- I. Our familiar places are _____ than usual this Easter.
 - a. The church sanctuary is empty and without the wonderfully lively noise of worshippers we usually experience this time of year
 - b. Our homes are quieter this year with fewer people—or *more* people with fewer good things to talk about
 - c. The sobering/scary news of what’s going on in the world has made many ordinary conversations more superficial...or even taken our words away
 - II. The first Easter began in a similar place of _____ among fearful, grieving people.
 - a. No words are recorded in our text between the two Marys on their way to the tomb
 - b. They had witnessed Jesus’ horrific death (Matt 27:55–56) and silent burial (27:61), and had endured a quiet Sabbath bereft of Jesus’ friends who had gone into self-imposed seclusion
 - c. The guards at the tomb were there to enforce silence among those who might one day say that Jesus had risen from the dead (27:64)
 - III. God’s “joyful noise” on that first Easter _____ the silence!
 - a. A “huge earthquake” accompanies the opening of the tomb...to show that Jesus had already triumphed!
 - b. The angel of the Lord tells the women to “not be afraid” and to “go, tell” the news that Jesus is risen
 - c. Jesus Himself reinforces the 2-part message of the angel but adds that the men who had abandoned him to death are no longer just disciples...they are His “brothers”!
 - d. Not only is the silence of a fearful world shattered...the testimony of “silent” people will be used to accomplish it
 - IV. What does God’s shattering the world’s silence through us _____ and _____ like?
 - a. It starts with the promises of God that foretold Jesus’ victory (see Isaiah 25:6–8)
 - b. Then, we hear the stories of others whom God brought from silence to joy (see Ps 94:17–19)
 - c. It will often mean simply living out our vocations in ordinary ways
- One day God will give us the opportunity and the words to share Easter joy!