



Celebrate Victory With Us

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Pastor's Welcome

Please Stand.

GATHERING

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

C: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

WE SING HYMN 714 v.5

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: How good it is to sing praise to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

C: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

HYMN – "CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA" vs. 1-3 (#719 IN BLUE HYMNAL)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: (Psalm 103)

L: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

C: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

L: The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

C: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities, or as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

L: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

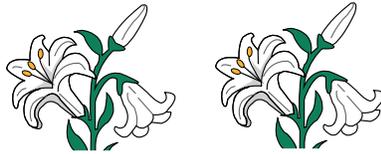
C: As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

L: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him.

C: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

L: The work of the Lord is great and glorious, his name is worthy of praise.

Soloist – “The Power of the Cross”



The Easter Story

Matthew 28:1-15, Mark 16:1-16, Luke 24:1-36, John 20:19-31

“Jesus Lives!”

L: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome and other women bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. They were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

C: 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.

L: But when the women looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

C: So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him.” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

L: When the other women entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightening stood beside them.

C: The angel said to the women: "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, `He is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him, just as he told you."

L: Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said.

C: They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them,

L: "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me. "While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them,

C: "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."

L: So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

When these women came back from the tomb, they told these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

C: But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter and John, however, got up and ran to the tomb. John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked at the strips of linen lying there, but did not go in.

L: Then, Simon Peter who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes.

C: Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus body had been, one at the head, and the other at the foot.

L: They asked her, "Woman why are you crying?"

C: "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I do not know where they have put him."

L: At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

C: "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

L: Thinking he was the gardener, she said,

C: “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

L: She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Raboni!” (which means teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father, and your Father, to my God, and your God.’”

C: Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news; “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hymn – “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” vs. 1-3 (#156 in Red Hymnal)

SERMON John 20:1-18
Theme: Victorious: “Identity”

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ⁵ Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷ The cloth that had been on Jesus’ head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹² She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and replied in Aramaic, “*Rabboni!*” (which means, “Teacher”). ¹⁷ Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” She also told them the things he said to her.

Hymn – Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia vs. 4-5 (#719 in Blue Hymnal)

Offering: The members of Christ Lutheran join together to do the Lord’s work in Cambridge and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. You can also make use of online giving through the VancoMobile app or by going to the church’s website (www.christcambridge.com) and selecting the “Donate” tab under “About” in the site menu.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

L: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

L: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

L: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Finally, hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Hymn – “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (#141 in Red Hymnal)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1Corinthians 11:23-25

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AMEN

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God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to use God's Holy Word. Therefore, we invite only current members of Christ, (and those from sister WELS and ELS congregations) come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.

Children's Message

Easter Benediction

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus ✠ Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (#152 in Red Hymnal)

(9:00 Service Note – All sing verses 1, 5, 8. Soloist will sing verse 4. Women will sing verses 2 & 6. Men will sing verses 3 & 7)

Thank you to the musicians who helped beautify our worship service.

Pianist: Karen Panning

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Tambourine: Tom Panning

Soloist: Anne Mundt

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