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## The Resurrection of Our Lord

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10:00am

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

### THE PRELUDE

### THE GATHERING

- \* The Service of Light  
 (\* Stand and face rear center aisle )  
 P: The Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**

P: We light the Paschal Candle, symbol of the eternal light that shines forth through the merit of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World; the same Jesus Christ who was in the beginning and is today, who was in himself the beginning and the ending. His are time, and eternity, his are glory and dominion forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Candle is lit*

P: May all the darkness of our hearts and minds be dispelled by the Light of Christ who rises on Easter morning in glory.  
 Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

- \* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** # 365  
*“JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY“*

### \* THE EASTER GREETING

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\* **THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter began to speak to the people: “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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now 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, <sup>2</sup>through 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. <sup>3</sup>For 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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      tune # 380

**C: Hallelujah! Jesus lives! Christ is risen from the grave! He who died this comfort gives: Lo, he lives, his own to save! Hallelujah! Praises be to our Lord eternally!**

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

**C: Glory to you, O risen Lord!**

**\* THE GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8**

<sup>1</sup>When 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. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O risen Christ, for opening the Scriptures to us.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**THE GOOD NEWS 101**

**THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** #366  
*THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE*

**\* THE 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, was**

**incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**\* THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**\* THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards #184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## THE MEAL

### \* THE OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 our thanks and praise.**

### \* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our  
sin; who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in 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,** pg. 153  
**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.**

### \* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### \* THE 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.

### \* THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

### THE LAMB OF GOD

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**  
**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.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*Our communion distribution today will be continuous starting with the lectern side. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Take a cup from the tray. The Pastor will offer the bread (gluten free wafers are available, just ask for one). Then proceed to the communion assistant who will have the chalice. Grape juice is in the center section of the communion trays.*



**\* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us Pray:

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

**\* THE BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

**\* THE SENDING SONG**

**#382**

*CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!*

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today: March 31, 2024**

**Communion Assistant:** Danielle Ercolani

**Acolyte:** Scarlett Johnson

**Lector:** Laura Poethke

**Ushers:** Steve Anderson

**Musician:** David May

**Serving Next Week: April 7, 2024**

**Communion Assistant:** Naomi Morrison

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Lector:** Lynn Haab

**Ushers:** Steve Anderson & Bonnie Mazza

**Musician:** Michelle Foster

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!** Our Lord and Savior lives! May your presence here today bring you peace, comfort, and hope.

**EASTER**, being the greatest festival of the Church, is celebrated for a week of weeks – seven weeks! Throughout these “Great Fifty Days” we continue to celebrate the Resurrection in a special way, and we begin to see how it affects all parts of our lives. We are witnesses of the Resurrection, and our lives show forth the Lord’s victory.

**THE PASCHAL CANDLE** burns near the altar at all services during the Easter Season (40 days until Ascension Day). Following The Ascension of Our Lord (always a Thursday), it will be moved to be near the Baptismal font, and thereafter lit at baptisms and funerals. This is a constant reminder of the gift of **NEW LIFE**, made available to us through Baptism – into the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped put together our Holy Week services and Lenten activities. We couldn't do what we do without you.

God’s blessings to you and your families this Easter.

*-Pastor Haab*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:** Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band *Voices That Reign* leading us in song.

**BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING** take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Your donations to our food pantry have allowed us to help many in need. If you would like to be involved in the food pantry ministry, we will be having a meeting right after worship on Sunday, April 7. We need volunteers, please join us and see how you can help.

#### **PICNIC AND WORSHIP IN THE PARK JUNE 9**

**PLEASE CALL** the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

**COMMITTEES NEED NEW MEMBERS** we have numerous committees (Music & Worship, Christian Education, Property, Fundraising, Social Ministry, 70th Anniversary, Church Council, just to name a few) that could use some new fresh ideas. If you're interested in being a part of one please reach out to Bonnie Mazza for more information.

**MORE INFORMATION:** on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page: [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website: [www.holytrinityelc.org](http://www.holytrinityelc.org)

**Lily Info:** They may be picked up after worship– please take from windowsills first.



**Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!**