



The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, Christ Is Risen"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Recorded by the Central Bell Choir on March 27, 2021.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The proclamation is repeated three times, reminiscent of those that concluded the Good Friday service ("Behold the lifegiving cross") and that began the Vigil ("The Light of Christ").

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(see end of bulletin)

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" was recorded virtually by the Central Choir. Members recorded their voices from their individual homes, which were then mixed together with organ accompaniment. In this way, the choir sings together even while being physically apart.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:17, 21-24

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL SEQUENCE

“Victimae paschali laudes” and “Christ Is Arisen”

“Christians, to the Paschal Victim,” the Easter sequence (a liturgical chant prescribed for a certain festival) is sung alternating with the hymn “Christ Is Arisen” which is possibly the oldest Christian liturgical German song. Organ settings by Czech composer Jiří Ropek precede each iteration of the sequence. An improvisation concludes the gradual.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 24:1-12

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This Joyful Eastertide"

The hymn is sung in a setting by William Harris.

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Alive in the risen Christ in the presence of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(A brief silence)

Each petition concludes:

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

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 forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

MOTET

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Melchior Vulpius

Vulpius (c. 1570-1615) was a Lutheran church musician and composer who served as cantor in the German city of Weimar. Sung virtually by the Central Choir.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Toccata from the Fifth Organ Symphony

Charles Marie Widor

PREACHING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe
PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman
ASSISTING Pastor Stephanie Friesen
ORGANISTS Isaac Drewes, Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio
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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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