

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Christ is Alive* arr. A. Jordan
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Welcome

Call to Worship *He Is Ris'n* Liebergen
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Gathering Hymn

pg. 358 Worgan (11 W)

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!*

*But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*Now be God the Father praised, Alleluia!
With the Son, from death upraised, Alleluia!
And the Spirit, ever blest; Alleluia!
One true God, by all confessed. Alleluia!*

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has set his people free.

Sharing Our Prayers and Praises

Liturgy for Easter

pg. 90 Ellacombe (151 R)

*The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad:
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin to be set free,
Our Christ has brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
In grateful exultation their notes let all things blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy, we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Praise, honor, glory and power to the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever.

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,

And was raised to life for our justification.

Then what can separate us from the love of God? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril, or sword?

No in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us.

For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

pg. 93 Lux Eoi

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he, who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is ris'n from the dead.*

We have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, it is for the Lord that we live; and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord, for Christ died, rose from death and lives again in order to be Lord of the living and of the dead.

We do not want you to be in any doubt about those who have died, or to grieve over them as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.

What we are saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God

For this perishable body of ours must put on an imperishable form, and this dying body, a deathless form.

What is sown as perishable,

Is raised imperishable;

What is sown in dishonor,

Is raised in glory;

What is sown in weakness,

Is raised in power;

What is sown a physical body,

Is raised a spiritual body.

Then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Diademata (595 C)

*Christians dismiss your fear; let hope and joy succeed;
the joyful news with gladness hear, "The Lord is risen indeed!"
The promise is fulfilled, in Christ our only Head;
justice with mercy's reconciled, he lives who once was dead.*

*The Lord is ris'n again, who on the cross did bleed;
he lives to die no more, amen, the Lord is ris'n indeed!
He truly tasted death to give us hope again,
in bitter pangs resigned his breath, but now has ris'n. Amen!*

*He has himself the keys of death, the grave, and hell;
his is the victory and praise, and he rules all things well;
death now no more I dread, but cheerful close my eyes;
death is a sleep, the grave a bed; with Jesus I shall rise.*

Sharing God's Word

Scripture Readings for Holy Week: The Resurrection

Meditation

Responding to God

Worship by Learning and Serving

Worship by Giving

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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Going Forth to Share God's Love

THE EASTER MORNING LITURGY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Pg. 82 COVENANT (185 A)

*Hail, all hail, victorious Lord and Savior, you have burst the bonds of death,
Grant us, as to Mary, the great favor to embrace your feet in faith:
You have in our stead the curse endured, and for us eternal life procured;
Joyful, we with one accord hail you as our risen Lord.*

We believe in the one only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who created all things by Jesus Christ, and was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself. We believe in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world; who has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son; who has blessed us in Christ with all spiritual blessings; who has made us worthy to share in the inheritance of the saints, having destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace.

This we truly believe.

We thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and self-assured, and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. Father, glorify your name.

**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.**

We believe in the only Son of God, by whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. We believe that he became flesh and lived among us, taking the form of a servant. Since we are flesh and blood, he himself became a human being. By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, he was conceived of the Virgin Mary. He was born of a woman; and, being found in human form, was in every respect tempted as we are, yet without sin. For he is the Lord, the Messenger of the covenant, in whom we delight. The Spirit of the Lord sent Jesus to proclaim the time of the Lord's favor. He spoke of what he knew and testified to what he had seen. To all who receive him, who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in the same way as he was seen going into heaven.

*The Spirit and the church
"O come!" are now entreating;
Let all who hear their voice
"O come!" be loud repeating:
Amen! Lord Jesus, come;
We still wait faithfully.
Soon, we implore you, come,
Your glory let us see.*

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of God's trumpet. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

This we truly believe. This is my Lord, who redeemed me, a lost and condemned human creature, from sin, 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 dying. Christ has done this so that I may be his own, live in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and happiness, since he, being risen from the dead, lives and reigns forever and ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who came at the first in great humility as our Redeemer, grant, we pray, that when you come again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may be regarded worthy to stand before you.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, and whom our Lord Jesus Christ sent, after he went away, to be with us forever; to comfort us as a mother comforts her children; to help us in our weakness and intercede for us with sighs too deep for words; to bear witness with our spirit that we are children of God and teach us to cry, "Abba, Father"; to pour God's love into our hearts and make our bodies God's holy temple; and to work in us the will of God, allotting gifts to each one individually, just as the Spirit chooses.

We believe that by our own reason and strength we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, or come to him; but that the Holy Spirit calls us through the gospel, enlightens us with gifts of grace, dedicates us to God, and preserves us in the true faith, just as the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and dedicates to God the whole church on earth, which he keeps with Jesus Christ in the only true faith. In this Christian church God daily and completely forgives us and every believer all our sin.

This we truly believe.

Spirit of truth, direct our hearts to the love of God and to patient waiting for Christ. Establish us in the true faith, that we may abound in thanksgiving; and keep us as God's own until the day of redemption.

To you be glory, with the Father, and with the Son. Amen.

We believe that by holy baptism we are made members of the church of Christ, which he has loved, and for which he gave himself, in order to make it holy, cleansing it by water and the word.

In this communion of saints, we believe in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us, and shed his blood on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, and who has given us his body and blood in the Lord's Supper, as a pledge of grace. As the Scripture says, Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

This we truly believe.

pg. 88 GOUDIMEL (205A)

*Lord, your body ne'er forsake, ne'er your congregation leave;
we in you our refuge take, of your fullness we receive:
ev'ry other help be gone, you are our support alone;
for on your supreme commands all the universe depends.*

We shall never taste eternal death, but shall attain the resurrection of the dead; for this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. Thus our bodies rest in hope. And the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, will also give life to our mortal bodies if the Spirit of God has dwelt in us.

We poor sinners pray: hear us, gracious Lord and God.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with those of our brothers and sisters who, since last Easter Day, have entered into the joy of their Lord, and with the whole Church Triumphant in heaven, and let us rest together in your presence from our labors.

Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

pg. 88 GOUDIMEL (205 A)

*Who are these in bright array,
Thousand times ten thousands strong,
Round the altar night and day,
Singing one triumphant song: "
Worthy is the Lamb once slain,
Blessing, honor, glory, power,
Wisdom, riches, to obtain,
New dominion every hour"?*

*These through fiery trials trod,
These from great affliction came;
Now, before the throne of God,
Sealed with his almighty name,
Clad in raiment shining bright,
Victor palms in every hand,
Through their dear Redeemer's might,
More than conquerors they stand.*

Glory be to Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. He was dead, and behold he is alive forever and ever. Those who believe in him, even though they die, yet shall they live. Glory be to Christ Jesus, in the church which waits for him on earth, and in the church which is around him in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting.

Amen.

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice.
Exalt our God with one accord, and in His Name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, thou ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.*

*There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays,
And sing in perfect harmony To God our Savior's praise.
He hath redeemed us by His blood, and made us kings and priests to God;
For us, for us, the Lamb was slain; Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

Amen.

Postlude

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today
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