

EASTER DAY

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:30 a.m.

The service begins in darkness

Lighting The Paschal Candle

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Lord Jesus passed over from death to lie, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in prayer to hear his word and receive his sacrament—a reminder we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The exultant is sung.

The Paschal candle is then lit from the newly kindled fire, and the candle is processed up the middle aisle, pausing three times and singing;

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God

If candles have been distributed to members of the congregation, they are lighted from the Paschal Candle at this time. Other candles and lamps in the church, except for those at the altar may also be lighted.

Stand **Hymn 180**

He is risen! He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice.
He has burst his three days' prison;
Let the whole wide earth rejoice.
Death is conquered; man is free.
Christ has won the victory.

Come ye sad and fearful hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now, and the passions that he bore—sin and pain can vex no more.

Come with high and holy hymning;
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay.
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east,
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen! He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate.
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state.
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

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Stand **Opening Sentences**

Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Stand **s280 Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

Stand **Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit **Readings from Scripture**

ISAIAH 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard
in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a
lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be
considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will
be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their
fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work
of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the
Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14



This is the day that the Lord has made, let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Lord, ... for the [Lord] is good;
God's mercy en-[dures] forever.

2 Let Israel [now] declare,

"God's mercy en-[dures] forever."

14 The Lord is my [strength and] my song,
and has become [my] salvation. **Antiphon**

15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the
[tents of] the righteous:

"The right hand of the [Lord] acts valiantly!

16 The right hand of the [Lord is] exalted!

The right hand of the [Lord] acts valiantly!"

17 I shall not [die] but live,

and declare the [works of] the Lord. **Antiphon**

18 The Lord indeed [punished] me sorely,
but did not hand me [over] to death.

19 Open for me the [gates] of righteousness;
I will enter them ... and give [thanks to] the Lord.

20 "This is the [gate of] the Lord;
here the [righteous] may enter."

21 I give thanks to you, ... for [you] have answered
me

and you have become [my] salvation. **Antiphon**

22 The stone that the [builders] rejected
has become the [chief] cornerstone.

23 By the Lord has [this] been done;
it is marvelous [in] our eyes.

24 This is the day that the [Lord] has made;
let us rejoice and be [glad] in it. **Antiphon**

I CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we
are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died. For since
death came through a human being, the
resurrection of the dead has also come through
a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will
be made alive in Christ. But each in his own
order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming

those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to God the
Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and
every authority and power. For he must reign
until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death. The
word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand and sing **Hymn 193**

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess
that we may give thee all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
from every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.



LUKE 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But 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, Lord Christ.

Seated

The Sermon

The Reverend Mary Siegmund

Let us reaffirm our faith.

Stand and say together

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

***Kneel* Prayers of the People**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! At this the heavenly choirs of angels rejoice, the earth exults, and mother church is glad. Therefore I ask you, who praise the loving-kindness of almighty God, to join in prayer for all of God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs. That all may know the benefits of the paschal victory of Christ, we pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for those who have come through the waters of rebirth into the promised land of your eternal

kingdom. Guide all your baptized people who struggle to know and to do your will in the kingdoms of this world, that by their lives they may show forth the new life in Christ to all nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who struggle for peace and justice in the world. Guide their efforts, that they may act with prudence and vision to plant the signs of your dominion in the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that Mary Magdalene found healing in the encounter with the risen Christ. Give wholeness and peace to all those in need: the sick, the unloved and the forgotten, the poor and the hungry, the dying and the bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the people of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan

In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Church of the Epiphany, Independence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Michelle Crump; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Aaron Rhodes; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Wichaël; Dallas Brunnick; Collin Kelly

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Homebound: Kathy Bagby; JoAnn Sherman

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Health & Strength: Sharon Mossman; Liz Pfeiffer; Carrie Roesner; Shannon Schrempp; Ruth Knabel; Candace Harvey; Tiffany Walls; Mililani Hayselden; Mark Siegmund; Anna Darr; Stephanie Robertson; Helen Byram; Gertie; Helen and Nick; Loretta Maendele; the Maendele and Scader families; Christopher Palmer

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Anniversaries: Bob & Sharon Mossman; Swede & Ellie Holmberg

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Birthdays: Herman Holtorf; Mikayla Pink; Ellie Holmberg; Cheryl Ball

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith, who now rest from their labors awaiting the resurrection to eternal life. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and share in the fruits of the victory of Christ, the paschal lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen and exalted Lord.

Amen.

Stand **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The People exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Seated **Special Blessings**

Seated **The Offertory**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth - G.F. Handel

Stand **Hymn 380, v 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia,
alleluia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise
him, O praise him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Stand **The Holy Communion**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Stand and sing

Holy, Holy, Holy S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, if they are able, or sit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us ✠ also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day

bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Kneel **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kneel **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion of the People

All are invited to the altar rail to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. Receive the Bread upon your palms, crossed and raised. Receive the Wine either by guiding the cup to your lips, or by dipping the wafer of Bread into the Wine and placing it upon your tongue. To receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Seated **Hymn 208**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shout of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
he rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Kneel **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Given by Wayne & Debbie Fowler in thanksgiving for their family.

The origin of the paschal candle is uncertain. The most likely origin is that it derived from the Lucernarium, the evening office with which early Christians began the vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter. In turn, this rite is probably inspired by the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath. The rite therefore has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity. In the Lucernarium rite the light destined to dispel the darkness of night was offered to Christ as the splendor of the Father and indefectible light. This Sunday rite was logically carried out with greater solemnity during the Easter Vigil.

There is clear evidence that this solemn rite began no later than the second half of the fourth century. For example, the use of singing a hymn in praise of the candle and the Easter mystery is mentioned as an established custom in a letter of St. Jerome, written in 384 to Presidio, a deacon from Piacenza, Italy.

Sts. Ambrose and Augustine are also known to have composed such Easter proclamations. The poetic and solemn

text of the "Exultet," or Easter proclamation now in use, originated in the fifth century but its author is unknown.

The use of the candle has varied over the centuries. Initially it was broken up after the Easter Vigil and its fragments given to the faithful. This was later transferred to the following Sunday; but from the 10th century the use prevailed of keeping it in a place of honor near the Gospel until the feast of the Ascension (now until Pentecost).

From around the 12th century the custom began of inscribing the current year on the candle as well as the dates of the principal movable feasts. The candle hence grew in size so as to merit the attribution of pillar mentioned in the "Exultet." There are cases of candles weighing about 300 pounds. The procession foreseen in the present rite requires much more moderate dimensions.

The paschal candle is usually blessed at the beginning of the Easter Vigil ceremonies and is placed on a special candlestick near the altar or ambo. During the ceremony, five grains of incense representing Christ's wounds

are inserted in the form of a cross. An alpha above the cross and an omega below (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) indicate that Christ is the beginning and end of all. The current year is traced on the four sides of the cross.

The candle remains in the presbytery during the 50 days of Easter season and is lit for all liturgical offices. After Pentecost it is left next to the baptismal font.

During the year it is lit during all baptisms and funeral services; the candle is placed next to the casket during the funeral Mass. In this way it symbolizes baptism as a death and resurrection in Christ, and also testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead as well as to the fact that all are alive in the risen Christ.

The paschal candle may also be lit for some devotional practices, such as the fairly common custom of the faithful renewing their baptismal promises on concluding retreats and spiritual exercises.

At St. Luke's, we worship God, we teach and nurture each other in the faith, and we spread the Good News. In our common life, we seek: in the essentials, unity; in the non-essentials, diversity; but in all things, charity.



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