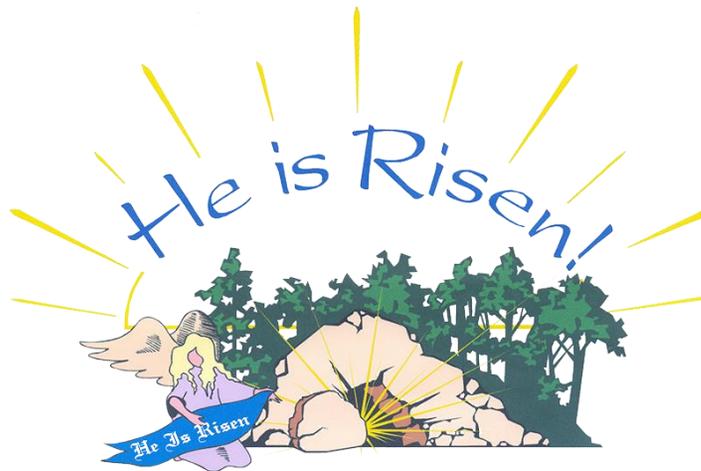


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 17, 2022

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION

This morning, we celebrate the rising of Jesus, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, which took place three days after his death on the Cross. Jesus who died is raised by our God; Jesus our Lord, our salvation, our hope. Through song and scripture and prayer, we join with Christians all over the world this morning – our brothers & sisters in Christ – in rejoicing! And as we attend to "the lesson" in the words of the scriptures we read, the prayers, and in the words of the songs we sing, be attentive also to what's happening in the sky and in the hearts of those around us! For this morning we celebrate the source of all our hope, all our faith, and all of the wonderful Promise God has given us through Jesus Christ. As we ponder and celebrate the mystery of the Resurrection, listen, and you just may hear the heavens singing and celebrating along with us! And so, as we "Look to the East" and witness the Rising Sun, a Star created by God at the dawn of time, let us rejoice in the Rising of His Son, our Lord and Savior.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: JOB 19:23-27 (ESV)

²³ "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

PSALM 118:15-29

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD exalts,**

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ **The LORD has disciplined me severely,**

but he has not given me over to death.

- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- ²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- ²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!
- ²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**
- ²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-57 (ESV) ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18** (ESV)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to 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"—and that he had said these things to her.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

He is Risen Indeed! Glory be to God, Christ is risen from the dead; trampling down death by death; burying our sins and trespasses; turning our graves into the gates of heaven; and giving us abiding hope for today.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Shine, shine you New Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Rejoice in the dance and exult, O Zion! And delight you men and women of God in the rising of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ!
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed, Alleluia

HYMN **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”** **WOV 674**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!***

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!” Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God’s people, you have learned from his Word God’s loving purpose for and you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

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 to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism and for all the baptized everywhere:

That we may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

That the Holy Spirit may open our hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

That we may be kept in the faith and communion of your Holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer

That we may be sent into the world to bear witness to your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

That we may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray as we await, in faith and in hope, the Day of our Resurrection; through the One risen in glory this day, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear his Word and share in his supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

Invitation to Affirm the Gift of Baptism

Those who wish may come forward and have the sign of the Cross marked on their foreheads with water as we remember these words from our Baptism: *You have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the Cross of Christ forever!*

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Lord: Through water and the Spirit you have made us your own. You have forgiven us all our sins and have brought us to newness of life. As we celebrate this Resurrection morning continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit and daily increase in us your gifts of grace: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior and Lord. **Amen**

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!