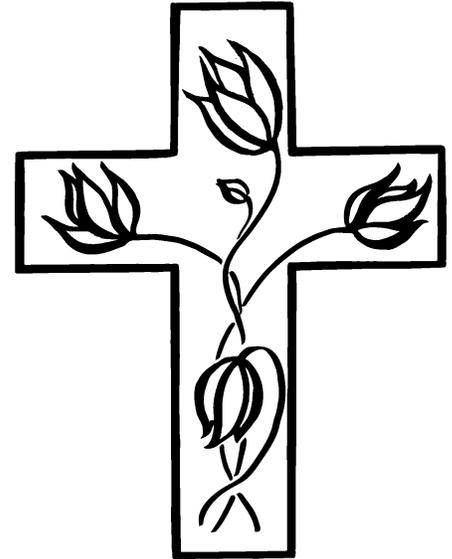


Easter Celebration Worship

April 4, 2021
Leader/All



Call to Worship

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone has been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Christ the Lord is risen. **The stone is rolled away!**
Death has now been defeated. **The stone is rolled away!**
Come, let us worship. **The stone is rolled away!**
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn – ELW #365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Welcome & Greeting

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

Confession

This week we have reflected on the ways that Jesus turns stones over in this world. At this time, I would invite you to hold your stone and reflect on the ways that God is calling you to turn over the stones in your life. What might you ask God to turn over in your life today?

Take a moment to reflect and then as the music begins, I would invite you to place your stone around the cross. Giving your stone to God.

Texas Kyrie & Glory in the Highest

Forgiveness

Children of God, in Jesus Christ the stone of death has been removed. As we give our stones to God, know that in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You have been set free to be God's beloved children turning over stones in this world so that all might know God's love and mercy. Amen.

Peace

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Risen Messiah, who rolled the stone away forever. Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. May honor and glory be yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Word for All of God's Children – Blessing the Seeds

Word - Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Pastor Dawn Lindberg

Hymn – ELW #376 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]

Prayers

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "Christ is risen indeed."

We praise you for the gift of the global church and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the times of peace and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for teenage migrants, for the people who live on our streets, that they all may be fed. Help us to be generous as we fight hunger through programs like ELCA World Hunger, Neighbor for Neighbor Food Pantry and the Tomah Community Table, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. And we pray for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you now: Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ. our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Offering, Noisy Offering & Setting the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Preface & ELW #473 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God. *(repeat)*

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (sung)

Sharing the Meal

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray... Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened
for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim
your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Announcements – Sophia's First Communion, Holy Humor, World Hunger Collection =>5/2

Blessing

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.**

Sending Song – ELW #364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (vv. 1,3,4)

1 Christ has risen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to
destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there." [Refrain]

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." [Refrain]

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**