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*Welcome to Bethlehem on this Joyous
Easter Morning!*

*The Festival of the Resurrection of
our Lord*

Thank you for being with us today to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Today is the highest festival in the church year because on this day we rejoice that Jesus Christ rose from the dead to be

our Savior. After suffering for the sins of the whole world on Good Friday, He came out of the tomb to announce His victory over sin, death, and the devil. For thousands of years, Christians have remembered this victory by greeting each other with the Easter greeting: “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

*“He is risen.” “He is risen,
indeed! Alleluia!”*

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P We heard His words, “It is finished.” Today, we see the proof that our sins have been paid for and death has been conquered. On this most joyous of days, let us raise our voices to our risen and living Savior! We begin with the singing:

457 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 ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for

the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +
(please rise)

PSALM 118:15–29; ANTIPHON: V. 1

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

- C** Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of **the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**
- P** the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”
- C** I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- P** The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.
- C** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- P** This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- C** I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

- C** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- C** 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!
- P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; you are my God; I will extol You.
- C** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

GLORIA PATRI

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 118:1

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our 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 forever.

C Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23–29

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!
²⁸If you say, ‘How we will pursue him!’
and, ‘The root of the matter is found in him,’
²⁹be afraid of the sword,
for wrath brings the punishment of the
sword,
that you may know there is a judgment.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word, I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was

raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(please rise)

ALLELUIA

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

VERSE

1 Corinthians 5:7b–8a, c

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Resurrection

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And

entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all
worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ✝ of the world to come.
Amen.

(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

490 JESUS LIVES! THE VICTORY'S WON

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.

Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

SERMON

“Angel Eyes” (*Mark 16:1–8*)

. . . Pastor Karl

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

(please rise)

OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(please be seated)

(please rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice today that You, our Redeemer, live and will stand upon the earth on the last day! Grant that, after our skin has been destroyed, yet in our flesh and with our own eyes we shall see You, the eternal God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let us daily fix our eyes on You, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before You endured the cross, despising the shame, and are seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May the glorious mystery that we shall not all sleep-in death but be resurrected at the last trumpet give us confidence that our mortal bodies will put on immortality and that death will be swallowed up in victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Christ, our Passover Lamb, You were sacrificed for the sin of the whole world. Let us celebrate this Easter festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth and joyfully celebrate the Sacrament of Your body and blood in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As the Mary's sought to treat Your body with love and respect, so also may we members of Your Body live lives of love and service toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Your Easter angel proclaimed the glorious news that You are risen indeed, Alleluia! Grant that we likewise might share the Gospel with others and that Your messengers today would point to You, the Crucified One, as the source of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As You bade the disciples go to the place where You would meet them in Galilee, may we follow Your guidance to the places where You promise to meet us: in Your Word, Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, we thank You for destroying death and bringing to light our eternal hope through Your resurrection. Continue to look upon us with favor that we, along with Your whole Church on earth, might find rest, peace, and resurrection in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(please be seated)

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and
be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

461 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!



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Organist: Holly Bell

Birthday Greetings!! 4/14: Pastor Karl, Raul Puga; 4/16: Holly Bell, Beverly Kogoy

Anniversary Greetings!! 4/17: Linda & Jeff Kirsch (38 years)