

*Alleluia*

He is

*Risen*

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



*We're delighted you've chosen to worship with us this morning. At St. Mark it's our commitment to you that we faithfully proclaim God's Word so that your faith may grow during your time with us. Our goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of what He has done for us. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have.*

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- **Ushers and Greeters** are available in the narthex (entryway) to answer any questions you may have and offer you any assistance you may need.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the sanctuary.
- **We love having children** in worship and encourage them to sing and pray along with their parents. **Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags** are available in the entryway for your family to use. If your child becomes a bit restless during the service and you think they could use a break, we have a **Nursery Space** in the church office that you can use. An usher can guide you there.
- **Friendship Cards** are found in the racks of each pew. We ask that during the offering you fill out a card that we may have a record of your visit and get to know you a little bit better.

#### **OUR THEME FOR TODAY – *Death is Defeated***

If death was all that we had to look forward to, then we would be miserable indeed. We would have reason to fear that our whole life was in vain and the endurance of every struggle or temptation a wasted effort. If death ends all, why struggle, why sacrifice, why endure opposition and persecution? But death does not end all. Death, feared by all, has now fallen victim to Christ in his resurrection!

# The Festival of Easter

**HYMN:** CW 157

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

*As the hymn is introduced an alleluia banner is brought forward.*

*During Lent the alleluias were set aside, but now that Christ is risen, they return.*

## EASTER GREETING

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

**M:** We celebrate this festival day in the name of our God—the glorious Father, the resurrected and victorious Son and the powerful Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Within us new life is awakened. God has given new hope to a dying world. Christ is risen!

**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

*from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*

**M:** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

## CHOIR:

## I Will Rise

There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well"  
Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees  
And rise I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes  
Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees  
And rise I will rise

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"  
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"Worthy is the Lamb" "Worthy is the Lamb"

I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain  
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees  
And rise. Rise! Rise! Rise!

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life.

M: The Lord is gracious and righteous!  
C: **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;  
C: **He has become my salvation.**

M: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
C: **The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

*After a brief introduction the congregation sings...*

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of Life who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.**

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:1-9

M: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## PSALM 118

*Pastor sings the verses; Congregation sings refrains and Gloria.*

### *Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He



gives us the vic - to-ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -



lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

### Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**M: Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

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

**HYMN: CW 265 (verses 1-3)**

**This Is the Feast of Victory**

## SERMON

HYMN: CW 265 (verses 4-5)

**This Is the Feast of Victory**

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: **Christ is risen!**

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: **Alleluia!**

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: **We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: **You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: **You are risen!**

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

**C: You are risen indeed!**

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

**C: Alleluia!**

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**C: He is risen!**

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

M: O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

*The Calvary Creed*

I believe that almost two thousand years ago, there lived a man such as the world had never seen before and has never seen since. He was God the Son who became a human being, at times not making full use of his divine power, and at times shaking off his human limitations, but always obeying God's law perfectly.

I believe that he was put through a mockery of a trial, unjustly sentenced, and quickly put to death in order to get him out of the way.

I believe that he died on a cross, and his body was laid in a borrowed tomb, which was sealed and guarded.

I believe that on the morning of the third day after his death, his friends came, intending to take care of his lifeless body, but instead found an empty tomb, because he had risen from the grave.

I believe that he showed himself alive to his followers on a number of occasions, convincing them all, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he was alive.

I believe that his death paid the price for my sins and the world's sins, and that his resurrection has opened the door of eternal life to me and all who believe in him.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior, that he is living and ruling forever, and that because of his life, death and resurrection, I, too, shall rise from the grave and live forever with him! Amen.

## DEPART IN PEACE

M: We are once again renewed by the message of the resurrection. Our living and victorious Savior Jesus is our strength as we live in this sinful world and will one day take us to our heavenly home. Christ is risen!

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

M: Jesus has completed his mission—he has forgiven the sins of the world. We rejoice that through faith that forgiveness is ours. Confident of our forgiveness and God’s power working in us, our mission is clear:

C: **We dedicate ourselves...**

**to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus.  
to TEACH all according to His saving Word,  
and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.**

## THE BLESSING

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may He preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God’s people say, “AMEN!”

C: **AMEN!**

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

HYMN: CW 152 (verses 1-5)

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

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