



April 12th, 2020

Easter Festival Service

HYMN.....Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Christian Worship 156

GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

RESURRECTION DIALOGUE

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

M: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

M: I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

M: The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

M: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

M: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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 newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 2:2-9 (EHV)

²He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out;
you heard my voice.

³You threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas.

The currents surrounded me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

⁴I said, ‘I have been driven away from your sight;

yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’
⁵Waters encompassed me to the point of death.
The deep surrounded me.
Seaweed was wrapped around my head.
⁶To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth with its bars was around me forever.
But you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.
⁷When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.
My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.
⁸Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that could be theirs.
⁹But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed, I will indeed repay.
Salvation belongs to the LORD.”

Anthem.....In Christ Alone

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4 (EHV)

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10 (EHV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ²Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷Go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ See, I have told you!”

⁸They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hymn of the Day.....Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
CW 719, w 1-3

Sermon

Matthew 28:1-10

Look at the Son-rise!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: (*sung*) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
CW 719, vv 4-5