

# Easter Sunrise Service of Hymns & Lessons

## Sunday, April 12, 2020

~Prelude *Awake My Heart*

(Halvorson Family)

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 155, #62)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You delivered Your Son for our offenses, and raised Him again for our justification: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will; graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all our sins, and after this life raise us to eternal life; through the same, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

~Hymn 352 *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!*

~The Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 155 #61)

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**~Hymn 359, vv. 1-3 *This is the Feast***

*Refrain:*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
(Refrain)*

*2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
(Refrain)*

*3. Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation.  
(Refrain)*

**~Easter History Lesson Part 1**

The Priests, Teachers of the Law, Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees had one great fear. That fear was that somehow the body of Jesus would be gone and the Disciples would say that Jesus had risen as he said he would making him the fulfillment of the First Fruits. So they posted a guard of soldiers to secure the tomb. They also had the tomb sealed with the Roman seal, so that it would be a federal crime to open the tomb and take the body of Jesus saying that he had risen.

All that night the soldiers kept their post. Then in the early dawn hours, just as morning was beginning, there was a violent earthquake. An angel of Lord came down from heaven and appeared before the soldiers. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. He went over to the tomb where the large stone covered the entrance, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. As the guards saw this, they became so frightened that they shook and passed out. When they came to again, they ran to the High Priest, to tell him what had happened. The High Priest ordered them to say that they fell asleep and someone came and took the body of Jesus. They were sternly told that they should tell no one what they had actually seen. In exchange for their lie, a lie that would not only dishonor them but also put their lives in great danger, they were paid a large amount of money and promised that they would be kept from death, even though they lost what they had been guarding.

During this time, while it was still very early, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices with them to go to the tomb so that they might anoint Jesus' body. As they hurried along they said to each other, "Who will roll the stone away for us from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they got there, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled away. They entered the tomb but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Mary Magdalene did not enter the tomb, but seeing it open, turned and ran back to Peter and the Disciples saying "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

While the women in the tomb were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In fear the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the angels said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and then on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. Immediately they left the tomb and went and told

the Disciples, Peter and John then ran to the tomb to see for themselves and Mary Magdalene followed after them.

**~Hymn 350 *He's Risen, He's Risen***

*1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death's prison, the Incarnate Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong. Have mercy on us, Lord!*

*2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear. Have mercy on us, Lord!*

*3. But short was their triumph, the Savior arose, And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes; The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high; He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die. Have mercy on us, Lord!*

*4. O where is thy sting, death? We fear thee no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door. For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own. Have mercy on us, Lord!*

*5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign. Have mercy on us, Lord!*

**~Easter History Lesson Part 2**

John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. Once there, he bent over and looked inside of the tomb at the strips of linen but he did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived he went straight into the tomb. There Peter also saw the strips of linen lying, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The face cloth was not lying with the rest, instead it was folded and set to the side by itself. Finally, John also went inside. He saw and believed. However, neither of them understood from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

After this, Peter and John went back to their homes but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been. One was at the head and the other was at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out, "Rabboni!" MY GREAT MASTER." (NOTE: Mary said "Rabboni," a title used frequently when referring to God in prayers. In calling Jesus Rabboni, "MY GREAT MASTER" the stress is on the divinity of Jesus.) As Mary clasped his feet, Jesus replied, "Do not cling to me, for I am not yet returned to the Father. Go to my brethren and tell them that I am returning to my Father, and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary went to the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!"

**~Hymn 354, vv. 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 Like the Golden Sun Ascending**

*1. Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth his glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.*

*2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened Paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.*

*5. Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.*

*9. Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,  
And Thy Holy Spirit send  
That my walk and my behavior  
May be pleasing to the end;  
That I may not fall again  
Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me  
And from which Thou hast relieved me.*

*10. For the joy Thy birth doth give me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy baptism which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.*

**~Easter History Lesson Part 3**

After Mary left, another group of women came to the tomb. They also entered the tomb. Inside they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side. When they saw him they were frightened but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus who was crucified, he is not here, he has risen! See the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. However, they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. Suddenly, Jesus appeared to them and greeted them saying, "All hail." When they saw him they came to him, clasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

Later in the day, Jesus also appeared to Peter, and to Cleopas and Luke on the road to Emmaus. In the evening he appeared to the ten, Thomas being absent and the following week he appeared to the eleven, Thomas being present. For forty days he continued to reveal himself, giving many convincing proofs that he lives forever and forever.

**~Hymn 343, vv. 1-3 *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands***

*1. Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,  
For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands  
And brings us life from heaven;  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!*

*2. No son of man could conquer death,  
Such mischief sin had wrought us,  
For innocence dwelt not on earth,  
And therefore death had brought us  
Into thralldom from of old  
And ever grew more strong and bold  
And kept us in its bondage. Alleluia!*

*3. But Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
To our low state descended,  
The cause of death He has undone,  
Its pow'r forever ended,  
Ruined all its right and claim  
And left it nothing but the name,  
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!*

**~Apostles' Creed — Confession of faith**

*(ELH p. 46)*

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 shall 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.

**~The Prayer of the Church**

*(ELH p. 48-49)*

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister \_\_\_\_ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

~Lord's Prayer

*(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)*

**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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

*(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)*

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.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**~Hymn 356 *The Day of Resurrection***

*1. The day of resurrection,  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.*

*2. Our hearts be pure from evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, listening to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All Hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth her song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord hath risen;  
Our joy that hath no end.*

**~Postlude *Alleluia! Jesus Lives***

*(Halvorson Family)*

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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich  
Organist: Cassie Johnson*  
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Flowers adorning our sanctuary today are given in celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad in honor of our grandparents  
Janet & Greg Costello in honor of loved ones  
Duane & Brenda Garbers in honor of our parents  
Art & Terri Westphal in honor of loved ones  
Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of loved ones  
Hal & Marsha Natvig in honor of loved ones

