

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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PROCESSION OF THE THREE WOMEN- Mark 16:1-3

DIALOGUE

P: Let us gather at the tomb as a few of His friends did.

C: **We recall the events of this past week with sorrow.**

P: As we mourn the death of our Lord,

C: **we mourn our own death.**

P: For as the Scriptures teach in Romans 6:

C: **“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”**

P: Hear then the truth of these recent events as foretold hundreds of years before by God’s prophet Isaiah:

READING - Isaiah 53:7-9

DIALOGUE

P: So then, mourn His death, and the death of your sin.

C: **But death is not the end for us.**

P: Just as Christ’s death was not His end,

C: **it is a new beginning!**

P: As we come into view of the tomb, the stone is rolled away! We are told the news by the angels and other witnesses:

C: **Why do you seek the living among the dead?**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed.**

P: There is more! There is news in the Scriptures even greater than this, as we once again read in Romans: “Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life!” We, who in our Baptism were buried in the tomb with Him, have come out of the baptismal waters raised with Him to new life here in time, and forever with Him. He is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us keep the feast in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! **Amen!**

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

- 1. Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly hosts, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: You are risen! Alleluia!

C: We are risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: When you were baptised, your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. This Easter Day is the seal and guarantee of your salvation. As we were reminded in Dr. Luther’s Catechism: by the power of Baptism, our old self should be drowned and die by daily contrition and repentance and a new person daily come forth and arise. Open your heart to God and confess your sin that you might so arise! Let us confess:

C: **Most merciful God, my daily life does not reflect that this day is most important to me. I sin daily. I forget Your presence in my life. I do not worship You as often or as sincerely as You have commanded. Forgive me and help me to abandon those parts of my life that keep me from You, for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

P: Just as surely as the sun rose this morning in the sky, so has the Son of God arisen from the dead and won for you the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I tell you that your sins are forgiven and you stand holy and blameless before almighty God. Live in the light of this salvation and worship God with hearts and lives consecrated to His service.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven”

- 1. Alleluia! Alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;**

**He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead!**

**2. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried; now He lives forever more,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.**

**3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the triune Majesty!**

PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

P: The Lord is risen. Alleluia!

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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen." Alleluia!

C: **Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things;

C: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 31:1-8

P: Christ has risen from the dead; the Father has crowned Him with glory and honour. He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands; He has put everything under His feet.

EPISTLE - Colossians 3:1-4

P: Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia. And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 28:1-10

HYMN

"Now All The Vault"

**1. Now all the vault of heaven resounds
In praise of love that still abounds;
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here:
Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

2. **Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed, He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

3. **O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph!
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

4. **Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing:
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God.
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P; A creed is a statement of what you believe as a Christian. In this Easter season, pay special attention to the words, "I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Because Jesus rose, we too shall rise on the last day.

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence 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.

HYMN

"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 plea for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.**

4. **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.**

5. **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!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** “When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
C: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
- P:** Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”
C: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**
- P:** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negev.
C: **May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy!**
- P:** He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
C: **Shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”**
- P:** On this happy Day of Resurrection, give to us joy, O Lord, that we may “rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest.”
C: **Or as people who return from bondage who “Come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”**
- P:** Give to us joy, O Lord, joy like that of finding a “treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field;”
C: **Or the joy of finding the lost sheep, the “joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.”**

P: Give us joy, O Lord, that we may look to “Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

C: **Give us that joy, O Risen Lord!**

P: Give to us the joy of Peter and John, who saw and believed that Jesus was truly risen from the dead;

C: **And the joy of Mary Magdalene, whose tears of sorrow were turned to tears of joy at the sound of her name from the master’s lips.**

P: Give to us joy, Lord, all the days of our life - the joy of forgiveness, life, and salvation;

C: **And the Spirit’s gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; the gift of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, Conqueror of sin and death, Saviour, Lord of all, who gives us all joy for ever and ever, Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN

“Thine Be The Glory”

- 1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou over death has won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou over death has won.**
- 2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou over death has won.**
- 3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou over death has won.**