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**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY**

**April 21, 2019 – 10:45 a.m.**

*Worship with Holy Communion*

***St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.***

Easters come and go, and it seems that little changes. Or does it? What we sing and celebrate today is already ours. We were baptized into His death and raised with Christ to new and everlasting life. Easter is the celebration not only of Christ's victory but also of our own victory in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Christ is risen, and we with Him. It is a victory already ours but not yet fully complete in us. Part of Christian life is seeing who we are and the life we live in the context of the baptismal miracle of new identity and new life that we have been given. Every day we grasp this gift by faith and remember it is "for me." We wear a new name and are heirs of an eternal victory and a life that death cannot overcome. How might our lives change if we lived out this glorious Easter truth more than one day a year?

### † Prayer Before Worship †

Mighty Lord, Your own Son left the darkness of the grave to rise and show forth His glorious body as the firstborn of the dead. As You have united us to the cross of Christ by Baptism, so raise us up to newness of life that we may recall our Lord's resurrection with joy and live it out by the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prelude**      **"Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death"**

J.S. Bach

### **Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*(Please Stand)*

### **Processional Hymn: #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!

*(Be Seated)*

## **Children's Choir Anthem "Love Is Come Again"**

James Biery

*(Please Stand)*

### **Opening Litany**

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

**C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!**

P: "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put Him!"

**C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!**

P: "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hands into His side, I will not believe it."

**C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!**

P: Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**C: Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!**

### **Confession of Sins/Receiving God's Forgiveness**

P: Becoming people of the Resurrection begins with the acknowledgement that Jesus is Lord over sin, death, and the devil. Then we come to Him, confessing our sins, seeking His gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins.

*(Silence for personal confession)*

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the tomb. We also want to rise victoriously over the death and defeat we face every day.

**All: Merciful Father, we confess to You that we are nothing apart from You. Your Word describes us as spiritually blind, deaf, and dead by our very nature without Your saving grace. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have acted as if we do not need You. But we are wrong—dead wrong! Forgive us, Father, for our many sins against You and against one another. By the mercy You show us in the sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ, remind us again of the new life and salvation You have freely given. Cleanse and renew us by Your grace that we may rise to newness of life with our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*(Be Seated)*

**First Reading Psalm 16**

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> *O my soul, you have said to the LORD,*

*“You are my Lord,*

*My goodness is nothing apart from You.”*

<sup>3</sup> *As for the saints who are on the earth,*

*“They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”*

<sup>4</sup> *Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god;*

*Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,*

*Nor take up their names on my lips.*

<sup>5</sup> *O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup;*

*You maintain my lot.*

<sup>6</sup> *The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;*

*Yes, I have a good inheritance.*

<sup>7</sup> *I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel;*

*My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.*

<sup>8</sup> *I have set the LORD always before me;*

*Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.*

<sup>9</sup> *Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;*

*My flesh also will rest in hope.*

<sup>10</sup> *For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,*

*Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

<sup>11</sup> *You will show me the path of life;*

*In Your presence is fullness of joy;*

*At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of Praise: #465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n 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 heav'nly 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!

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## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## **Easter Gospel**

*(Be Seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of the Day: #480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"**

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| 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus,<br>the Lord;<br>He opened death's prison,<br>the incarnate, true Word.<br>Break forth, hosts of heaven, in<br>jubilant song<br>And earth, sea, and mountain their<br>praises prolong. | on high; He lives, yes, He lives, and<br>will nevermore die.   |
| 2 The foe was triumphant when on<br>Calvary<br>The Lord of creation was nailed to<br>the tree.<br>In Satan's domain did the hosts<br>shout and jeer,<br>For Jesus was slain, whom the evil<br>ones fear.                      | 4 O, where is your sting, death? We<br>fear you no more;<br>Christ rose, and now open is fair<br>Eden's door.<br>For all our transgressions His blood<br>does atone;<br>Redeemed and forgiven, we now<br>are His own.      |
| 3 But short was their triumph; the<br>Savior arose,<br>And death, hell, and Satan He<br>vanquished, His foes.<br>The conquering Lord lifts His banner   | 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise<br>your glad voice;<br>Proclaim the blest tidings that all<br>may rejoice.<br>Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb<br>that was slain:<br>With Father and Spirit He ever shall<br>reign. |

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**Sermon:** "The Stone is Rolled Away"

## **Offering**

Please take this time to sign the Pew Pads in your row and pass them down. We thank God for our visitors and guests. Please share your e-mail with us so that you can receive a weekly note of activities/announcements. Thank you for worshiping with us!

**Offertory Anthem: Polish Easter Carol**

arr. by Mary E. Caldwell

*(Please Stand)*

**Offertory Hymn: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*(Sung to the tune of Hymn #465: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds")*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **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.**

## **The Words of Institution**

*(Be Seated)*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

(Distribution this morning will be by continuous line. You will come forward up the center aisle. You will return by the side aisle. We will begin with the choir and that side of the sanctuary.)

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.)

Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

**Distribution Hymns:** #475 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"  
#469 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
#478 "The Day of Resurrection"

*(Please Stand)*

## Blessing

**Response to Benediction**      **Hallelujah!**      Georg Friedrich Handel  
(You are invited to come forward and sing with the choir.)

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
hallelujah hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah For the  
Lord God omnipotent reigneth Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah For the Lord  
God omnipotent reigneth Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah (For  
the Lord God omnipotent reigneth) Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah)  
Hallelujah

The kingdom of this world; is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ and  
of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever And he shall reign forever and ever And he shall reign forever and ever And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah and Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah and Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah King of kings forever and ever hallelujah hallelujah and Lord of lords King of kings and Lord of lords

And he shall reign And he shall reign And he shall reign He shall reign And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings forever and ever and Lord of lords hallelujah hallelujah And he shall reign forever and ever

King of kings and Lord of lords King of kings and Lord of lords And he shall reign forever and ever

Forever and ever and ever and ever (King of kings and Lord of lords)

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah Hallelujah

**Postlude "Fanfare"**

Antonio Soler

**Our Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by:**

Don & Clare Adamick – **In memory of the man in the middle** – Jesus

Dot Cleary – **In memory of husband** – Bob

Jeanne Blizard – **In memory of husband** – Richard

Bob & Martha Burke – **In memory of mother** – Martha Bolick

Jane Davidson – **In memory of husband and daughter** – Dewey, Debbie

Joan Happel – **In memory of husband** – Loren

Karin Lennon – **In memory of husband** - Gary

Jan Lundmark – **In memory of husband** – Dave

Mark & Beth Meier – **In memory of her father and his parents** – John "Jack" Fordham,  
Paul & Ethel Meier

**To the Glory of God:**

Dale and Alice Mierisch

Arden and Glenda Lackey

Wes and Kerstin Walker

Mary Rochester

Larry and Kay Bowman

**Please pick up your Lily after second service**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dot Cleary in memory of her & (Bob's in heaven) 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Today's Ushers:** Larry Bowman, Holly Wilson, Stephanie Kiel, Bruce Sawicki

**Worship Assistants:** Early Service – Bill Thorpe, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Steve Anderson, Don Henderson

**Lector:** Early Service – Rachel Orsborn, Late Service – Allen Hall

**Altar Guild for April:** Jackie Downey, Tina Kottlowski, Mary Rochester, Karin Lennon

**Lock-ups for April:** Don Henderson, Glenn Rullman

**Pew Pads:** Please remember to sign the pew pads. Thank you.

**Nursery is available** in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Crisis Control Item for April:** Instant Grits

**The Sermons** are available on-line at <http://stjohnsws.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

**St. John's Prayer and Care Notes** are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include "St John's Prayer and Care Notes Subscription" in the subject line of your email.

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***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.*

***A Great Place to Grow in Christ***

*As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a  
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.  
All programs/grades have full-time care available.*

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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.