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Easter Sunday

Paraments up front are white, reminding us of the glory of Christ that is now ours!

Welcome to all! Our Eternal Focus:

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Today's Hymns:

200:1, 4 ♦ Children's Hymn ♦ 161 ♦ 200:5, 8

Bells ~ Chimers

Opening Hymn of Praise: #200 [Red Hymnal]

Congregation: 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.

Choir: He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

Choir: He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

Congregation: He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: He is risen indeed!

PASTOR: We begin our celebration of Christ's resurrection in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal #198:1]

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.

OUR CONFESSION & GOD'S ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: He is risen. Alleluia! Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and on the third day rise...

*From shouts of "Hosanna," to the shout, "Crucify,"
We sing "Alleluia!" To our Savior who is living,
Even though He had died! Amen!*

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #198:3]*

**Oh, 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.**

Our Responsive Confession and Praise to God

Psalm 118:1-7; 13-17

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C: His love endures forever.

P: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

C: Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."

P: Let those who fear the LORD say:

C: "His love endures forever."

P: In my anguish I cried to the LORD,

C: And he answered by setting me free.

P: The LORD is with me;

C: I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

P: The LORD is with me;

C: He is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

P: I was pushed back and about to fall,

C: But the LORD helped me.

P: The LORD is my strength and my song;

C: He has become my salvation.

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

C: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

P: The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

C: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

P: I will not die but live,

C: And will proclaim what the LORD has done. Alleluia!



CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red hymnal #198:4]*

**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!**

1st LESSON – Exodus 15:1-11

Our **Old Testament Lesson** for this Easter Sunday is the Song of Moses written in praise of God after He delivered the Israelites from the pursuing Egyptians. A key reference is to the "Right Hand of God" and His power... not only then, but now!

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. "Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. "The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you--majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"



Children's Hymn: "This is the Day" Natalie Sleeth

***This is the day the Lord hath made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day the Lord hath made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, Hallelujah!***

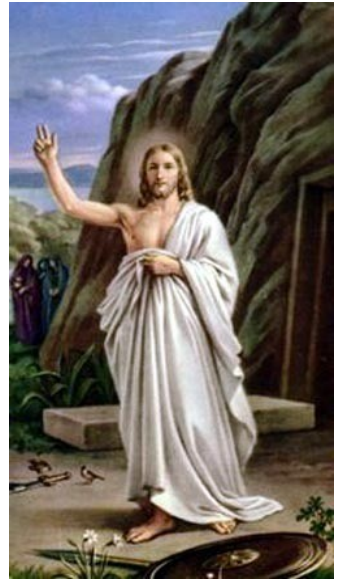
Christ has conquered death at last, Left the tomb that held Him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night, Dawns the morning clear and bright!

Jesus lives who once was dead! Crown of glory on His head.
Risen now our Lord and King, Songs of gladness let us sing!

2nd LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 12-20

*In the **New Testament Epistle**, Paul refers to God's grace in Christ calling Paul to his ministry. Even though he had persecuted Jesus, he saw the glory of the risen Savior and used his life to His service and now found great joy in proclaiming the resurrection. Christ's resurrection is our hope above all!*

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also...



But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Our Responsive Reading and Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 15:50-56

P: Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God:

C: Nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

P: Behold, I tell you a mystery:

C: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

P: In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye:

C: At the last trumpet.

P: For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible:

C: And we shall be changed!

P: For this corruptible must put on incorruption:

C: And this mortal must put on immortality.

P: So when this corruptible has put on incorruption:

C: And this mortal has put on immortality,

P: Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

C: "Death is swallowed up in victory!"

P: "O Death, where is your sting?

C: O Hades, where is your victory?"

P: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law:

ALL: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

Hymn: #201:1, 4, 5 [Red Hymnal] Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

**Jesus lives! The victory's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well, Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell, Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! and now is death, But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath, When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence!**



RESURRECTION MESSAGE

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

An Empty Tale ~ Vs. ~ An Empty Tomb

Luke 24:9-12 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.

10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



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Choir: "Seek Him Not" G. Mueller

*"Seek Him not in Joseph's garden." Hear the angel's startling news.
"Doubt not, but embrace my message, I am come to comfort you.
He is risen from the grave, All mankind to seek and save.
God has sent me here to tell you, Seek Him not at Joseph's grave."*

*Seek Him not in worldly wisdom, Based on man's self-righteousness
Listen not to modern prophets spurning Scripture's blessedness,
And who challenge God's own will—Pride in self they would instill.
Guided only by their reason. Seek not truth in human will.*

*Seek Him in the precious message, God has left us here below;
For the Spirit has recorded, All our God would have us know.
We will find our Savior there, In the Scriptures everywhere.
'Tis the truth, my soul believe it. We must now this message share.*

*Let us sing this wondrous morning: "Lord of Lords and King of Kings!"
Jesus reigns in glorious triumph, "He is ris'n!" all Christians sing.
Our Good Shepherd bids us hear: "Peace be with you! Have no fear!"
Praise the God of our salvation, Resurrection Day is here!*

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

Please rise for our thankful offering to our Savior...

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #200 [Red Hymnal]

**Congregation: 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.**

Choir: He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Choir: He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

**Congregation: 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!"**

~ Silent Prayer ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! We're glad that you were able to join us! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Take a moment to say hello and pick up copies of the announcements in the entryway: (920) 922-7421

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

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