

# Service of Prayer and Proclamation

## April 12, 2020 • The Resurrection of Our Lord

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS  
Charleston, WV

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P** He is Risen!  
**C** He is Risen, indeed, Hallelujah!

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### GRADUAL

- P** Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.  
**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

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*Brief time of silence to think on God's Word and the sin we need to confess*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father, we poor miserable sinners, confess unto You all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But we are heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and we pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us, poor, sinful beings.

## ABSOLUTION

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**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Easter

**P** Almighty God the Father, through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118:15-23

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27

**R** A reading from Job, the nineteenth chapter.

"Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! Oh, that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

**R** A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

*Angel Eyes*

## 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

### What does this mean?

Answer: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. He did this not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, so that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

**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.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need. *Brief silence*

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of our president; our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless all prison workers, that they may be humane and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated with hope for the future and amendment of life, help them to serve their sentences with patience and trust in You, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth. Give them grace according to their need and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, open the hearts of all who commune this day, that we may receive to our benefit Your body and blood in this Sacrament. Give comfort and certainty for those who long for Your Supper and believe Your Son's holy testament, that they may know they have what Christ says: forgiveness of sins. By this communion, strengthen us in faith and equip us to love one another as You love us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who taught us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩ Our Father which 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.**

### **BENEDICTION (Aaronic)**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**Unidentified member of Redeemer suffering from severe depression.** Please pray for this person to experience a new desire for living.

**Betty and Bob** (former coworkers of Barb Toler) please pray for comfort, strength and healing as they deal with Bob's recent diagnosis of lung cancer in both lungs, radiation and chemotherapy.

**Teresa Cisco** (friend of Elaine Hackman) lost her mother, Melissa, and her home in a house fire. Additionally, her diabetes assistance dog is missing though it was thought to have escaped the fire.

**Harrison and Cindy Gapter** (friends of Elaine Hackman) Cindy was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

**Susan and Skip Daly** (parents of Stephanie Daly) awaiting COVID19 test results while suffering from fever and other symptoms.

**The family of Phyllis Miscovich** (sister of Janet Winans) who passed into eternity Thursday morning.

**Jeanne K Cochran** (friend of Sarah Shaver) who seeks employment.

**Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Brodie, Nancy & Tim Calnon, Catherine, Father Chapin, Linda Cooper, Will Davis, Jamie Dickenson, Robbie Dickenson, Jackie Elston, Doris Gerke, Paula Hammond, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Aaron Harris, Jackie Hartley, Jo Hartley, Johnny, Josephine Care Community in Stanwood, WA, Selena Heise, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Tom Janicki, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Mariah, Marie Marcum, Deby, Jeanneane Maxon, Sandy McKinney, Phyllis Miscovich, Bob Mitchell, Lisa and John Nazzarro, Lori Nettles, Noah, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Huntington, Kirsti Patzman, Herb & Marian Pauley, Harold Reed, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Betsy Shaak, Richard Selmon, Carmella Shaver, St. John's Lutheran Church, Megan Swartz, Taegan Witcher**

**All diagnosed with Covid-19;**

**All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;**

**All diagnosed with any form of cancer;**

**All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.**

**For our congregation** - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.