

*Resurrection Sunday Worship*

*April 12, 2020*

Theme for Worship: Matthew 28:5b-6

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.  
He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”

Welcome  
Announcements

**Greeting:** Christ is Risen! **Response:** He is Risen Indeed!

The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” **8** So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Call to Worship: Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,  
2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.  
**3** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?  
4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
5 He will receive blessing from the LORD AND righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.  
**7** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!  
9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.  
10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Adoration  
Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #277 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

5<sup>th</sup> verse not included in the online version:  
Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*  
thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

**17** ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; **18** even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; **20** the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

**21** And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

**22** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— **23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** For David says concerning him, ““I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

**29** “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. **33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. **34** For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

““The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, **35** until I make your enemies your footstool.””

**36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” **41** So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Morning Prayer: Ruling Elder Rick McCready  
Hymn: #286 “Worship Christ, the Risen King”

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (pg. 845 in the Trinity Hymnal)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, **2** and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

**3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **6** Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. **8** Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. **9** For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. **11** Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Message: “Christ is Risen! The Central Message of the Christian Church”

Introduction:

**Remember the Gospel**

*v.1-2*

*-you received it*

*-you stand in it*

*-you are being saved by it*

*-unless you believed in vain*

## **The Essence of the Gospel**

v.3-4

*-Christ died for our sins*

*-in accordance with the Scriptures*

*-Christ was buried*

*-Christ was raised on the third day*

## **The Life-Giving Power of the Gospel**

v.5-8

*-Christ appeared to...*

## **The Life-Changing Power of the Gospel**

v.9-11

*-the transforming power of God's grace*

Conclusion

Hymn: #55 "To God Be the Glory"

Benediction