



Easter Sunday Worship
April 12, 2020
"He is risen! Alleluia!"

GATHERING

Welcome & Worship announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

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!

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!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

The LORD says, "The time is coming when I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel, and they will be my people. ²In the desert I showed mercy to those people who had escaped death. When the people of Israel longed for rest, ³I appeared to them^[a] from far away. People of Israel, I have always loved you, so I continue to show you my constant love. ⁴Once again I will rebuild you. Once again you will take up your tambourines and dance joyfully. ⁵Once again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria, and those who plant them will eat what the vineyards produce. ⁶Yes, the time is coming when sentries will call out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Let's go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good, and his love is eternal.

²Let the people of Israel say, "His love is eternal." and his love is eternal.

¹⁴The LORD makes me powerful and strong; he has saved me.

¹⁵Listen to the glad shouts of victory in the tents of God's people:

"The LORD's mighty power has done it!

¹⁶ His power has brought us victory—his mighty power in battle!"

¹⁷I will not die; instead, I will live and proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸He has punished me severely, but he has not let me die.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the LORD!

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; only the righteous can come in.

²¹I praise you, LORD, because you heard me, because you have given me victory.

²²The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.

²³This was done by the LORD; what a wonderful sight it is!

²⁴This is the day of the LORD's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, as Sunday morning was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a violent earthquake; an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid that they trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said. Come here and see the place where he was lying. ⁷ Go quickly now, and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from death, and now he is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him!' Remember what I have told you." ⁸ So they left the tomb in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Peace be with you." They came up to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ "Do not be afraid," Jesus said to them. "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "Death was Arrested"

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free,
Washes over me.
You have made me new,
Now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Released from my chains, I'm a prisoner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.
Oh Your grace, so free,
Washes over me.
You have made me new,
Now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free,
Washes over me.
You have made me new,
Now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Oh, we're free, free, free, forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes we're free, free, forever, amen!
When death was arrested and my life began.
When death was arrested and my life began.

Prayers of Intercession

Response: Hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God... in the strong name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

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.

St. Paul Lutheran Breakthrough Prayer

O God of hope and love, Thank you for your people of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Move us by the Holy Spirit to live for you alone. Take us outside ourselves, make us open, and remind us that you are our center and our purpose. Break down barriers of anger, fear, grief, hurt, and whatever else is holding me back from being open, and holding us back as a congregation. Use me to do your work. Use each of us for the plans you have for your church. Through the abundant love of your Son, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Song: "Oh Happy Day"

The greatest day in history
Death is beaten You have rescued me
Sing it out Jesus is alive!
The empty cross the empty grave
Life eternal You have won the day
Shout it out, Jesus is alive!
He's alive!

And oh happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

When I stand in that place
Free at last meeting face to face
I am Yours Jesus You are mine
Endless joy perfect peace
Earthly pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive!
He's alive!

And oh happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed

Oh what a glorious day
What a glorious way that You have save me
And oh what a glorious day
What a glorious name
Hey

And oh happy day, happy day
You washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day
I'll never be the same
Forever I am changed
Forever I am changed