



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022

Thoughts of Preparation

Most of us probably grew up thinking that the Resurrection was a one-time miracle about Jesus, an anomaly that proved he was God. I believe that Jesus is *actually naming and revealing what is happening everywhere and all the time in God.*

Jesus' resurrection is a statement about how reality works: always moving toward resurrection. As the Catholic funeral preface says, "Life is not ended but merely changed." This is the divine mystery of transformation, which is entirely evident in the physical universe. – *Fr. Richard Rohr*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"All Hail the Power"

(Hal Hopson)

Tower Bell

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Again we sing out ALLELUIA!

We exult in your love, O God of the living, for you made the tomb of death the womb from which you bring forth your Son, the first-born of a new creation,

and you anointed the universe with the fragrant Spirit of his resurrection.

Make us joyful witnesses to this good news, that all humanity may one day gather at the feast of new life in the kingdom where you reign forever and ever.

Alleluia! Again we sing out:

ALLELUIA! Amen.

***Prayer of Adoration & Illumination**

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be limited

or contained.

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day. And so, Holy God, we dare to pray for more...

Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than the hamster wheel life of to-do lists and errands, notifications on devices, meal prep, chores, and alarm clocks. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. We want a life bursting with laughter. We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away. So today we pray—break the dam. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. It's what we long for. We long for you. Gratefully we pray, amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3.1-4, 12-16 *(The Message)*

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ....chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked

out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Anthem

“A Jubilant Song”

(Allen Pote)

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing, and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.
Sing alleluia to the Lord, Alleluia!
Tell of His salvation from day to day.
Shout His marvelous works among the people,
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
Lord you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age You are God, and we pray for the coming of Your kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Offertory Invitation

"Through Christ, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Offertory

"I Am"

(Michael Smith/ Arr. Dobin Park)

I am the great I am. I am the root of David,
the bright and morning star. I am the lion of Judah.
I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end,
the first and the last. I am the great I am.
I am faithful and true. I am the word of God.
I am the lamb, the spotless lamb.
I am the resurrection, and he that lives.
I am alive forever Amen!
I am king of kings and lord of lords.
I am holy lord God Almighty
which was and is and is to come.
I am faithful and true. I am the word of God.
I am the spotless lamb. I am God almighty which
was and is and is to come. I am that I am.
I am the great I am!

Sermon

"A Matter of Scale" "Pastor Barry Bordenkircher

***Gathering at the Lord's Table (Sacrament of Holy Communion)**

ALL ARE WELCOME to celebrate Communion here this day – no exceptions!

The Invitation

On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.

On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.

On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Communion Prayer

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Consecration and Recollection

Sharing the Elements

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Through this space and time together today, we celebrate the covenant that ties us with God, Jesus the Christ, our neighbors and creation. Thank you, Divine Crafter of the Table, for fashioning us a holy meal unites us with the Body of Christ. Send us into the world resurrected, refreshed and ready to share Christ's unconditional love. Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. Barry Bordenkircher

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

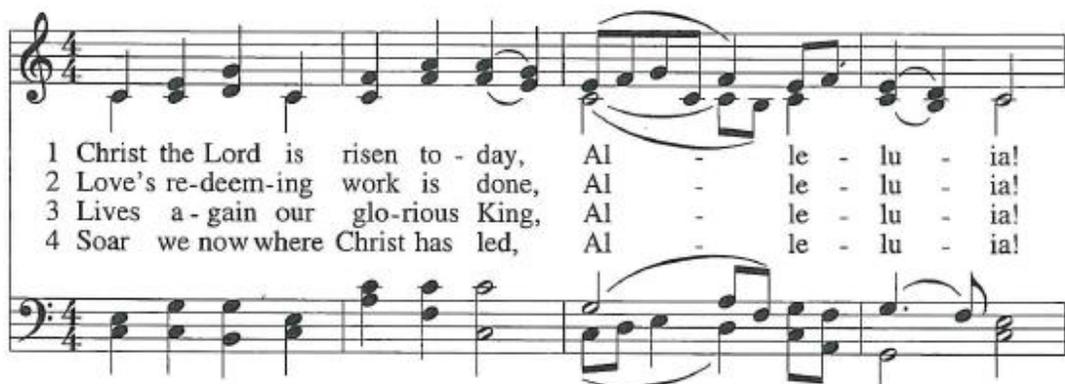
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Choral Director: Dobin Park

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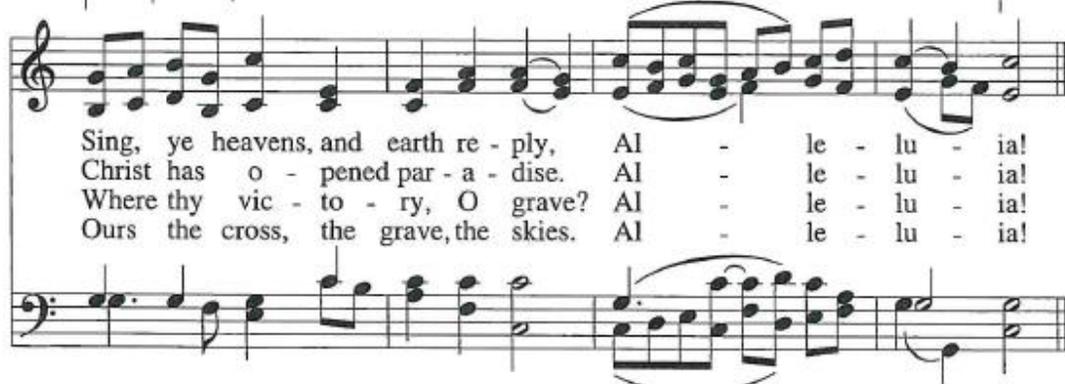
1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol-lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!