

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

April 4, 2021 Easter Celebration Service

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

The Prelude

The Journey from Good Friday to Easter Morning

"Were You There" " – LSB #456, vs. 4 (Solo by Ron Ottinger)

The Easter Proclamation (Please rise)

The Pastor proclaims the resurrection from the rear of the church, shouting three times:

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Celebration Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" – #LSB 457

The Easter Dialogue

Men: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Women: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain!
Alleluia!

Congregation: He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

Men: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

Congregation: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Women: God has claimed us as his own.

Congregation: God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Pastor: (*boldly*) Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: (*boldly*) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast" – LSB #155

The Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Pastor: The Old Testament according to Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

⁶ On this mountain, the LORD of Armies will prepare for all the peoples a feast of choice meat, a feast with aged wine, prime cuts of choice meat, fine vintage wine. ⁷ On this

mountain he will swallow up the burial shroud, the shroud over all the peoples, the sheet covering all the nations.

⁸When he has swallowed up death once and for all, the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face and remove his people's disgrace from the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹On that day it will be said, "Look, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he has saved us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him. Let's rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Pastor: The continuing promise according to St. Paul to the Church today!

¹Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy 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, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, so we proclaim and so you have believed. ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith. ¹⁵ Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that he raised up Christ—whom he did not raise up, if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. ¹⁹ If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone. ²⁰ But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. ²² For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection" – LSB #478

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-7

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

[the sadness] ¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they could go and anoint him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise.

[the dilemma] ³ They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?”

[the surprise] ⁴ Looking up, they noticed that the stone — which was very large — had been rolled away.

[the fear] ⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; they were alarmed.

[the beginning of restoration and mission] ⁶ “Don’t be alarmed,” he told them. “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they put him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there just as he told you.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

The Message of Easter

Duet – "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Carolyn Gisler and Kathlyn Gerhardt

The Confession

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

The Absolution

Pastor: Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

In the name of Him who grants us forgiveness; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit You are forgiven. Live in peace. Amen.

Prayer of the Church followed by 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

After the Words of Institution have been read:

Pastor: When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ for we are one body.

Congregation: Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Pre-Communion Hymn:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – LSB #461, vs. 1-4

The Distribution

Post-Communion Hymn:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – LSB #461, vs. 5-8

The Sending

The Blessing of Easter:

Pastor: May almighty God bless you on this celebratory feast of Easter, and may he protect you against all sin.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: Through the resurrection of his Son, God granted us healing. May he fulfill his promises and bless you with eternal life.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: You have mourned for Christ's sufferings; now you celebrate the joy of his resurrection. May you come with joy to the feast which lasts forever.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: May almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sending Hymn:

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” – LSB #474

Postlude (Remain seated)

(Note: CSB - Christian Standard Bible)

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