

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**April 9, 2023
The Festival of the Resurrection**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

We offer large print copies of the liturgy, and for Holy Communion we offer gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

(Sanctuary lights are off; symbol of the dawn darkness)

Solo:

“Were You There”, by Ron Ottinger

(Sanctuary lights on)

Processional with the Cross and Candles

(The darkness is broken; Christ the Light has broken through. We see clearly as the Light illuminates our sins, our failures and opens the door for sorrow, contrition, repentance and forgiveness through His resurrection. The cross stops halfway up and we look to its emptiness to see the acceptance of humanity's sin.)

Processional Hymn:

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” – LSB # 457

The Easter Readings:

Jeremiah 31:1-6

(The covenant people look forward to Messiah)

¹ “At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” ² Thus says the Lord: “The people

who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³ the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. ⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

Matthew 28:1-10

(The covenant fulfilled: moving from gloom to glory)

¹ 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.”

Pastor: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

The Easter Message: “A Yet to be Realized”

(A free verse reading)

Response to the Message:

Solo:

“Because He Lives”, by Pastor Bailey

Colossians 3:1-4

(The Church continues to live the resurrection story)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Opening Hymn:

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” – LSB # 474

The Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: Let us pray together;

All: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection: He, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now, and forever. Amen.

The Holy Sacrament:

Communion Song, by Barry McGuire

Verse 1

Take this bread I give to you
And as you do remember Me
This bread is My body broken just for you
Take it
Eat it

Chorus

Each time you do
Remember Me remember Me

Verse 2

Take this cup I fill for you
And as you do remember Me
This cup is the new covenant
I'm makin' with you
Take it
Drink it

Chorus

Each time you do
Remember Me remember Me

Pre-Communion Hymn:

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” – LSB # 465

Our risen Lord invites you to rise, come forward, and receive His gifts.

(Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).)

The Benediction:

Pastor: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Closing Hymn:

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” – LSB # 477

Announcements:

Postlude

*** Please take the bulletin home or discard in trash before you leave. ***