

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, and each of the day's readings helps us make sense of the victory of resurrected life over death. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.



Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021
Our Common Prayer at Home

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines stained clear.

⁷And the Lord will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations,
the Lord will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the
earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us,
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210404/playlist>

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had

been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a youth, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

All around us and in us there are death and tears. One medieval image of death was as a huge mouth, swallowing people up by the hundreds, and that image seems apt today. But the promise of Isaiah is that God will instead swallow up death itself, wipe away tears from all faces, and spread a feast for all the nations. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the beginning of that feast. But the Gospel according to Mark ends with only an announcement (“he has been raised”) and a promise (“there you will see him”), seemingly without an appearance of the risen Christ. Then we read Mark again and note that Jesus comes into Galilee, preaches in Galilee, heals and forgives in Galilee, holds meetings in Galilee. Reading the book, we see him in Galilee. The Gospel book is itself his appearance. We, too, in our homes or in church, have the same announcement and promise: as we read the story of Jesus, he is with us, with us in all the scriptures, adding us to the list of witnesses. We are welcomed to the feast of the end of death. Empowered by God’s Spirit we can join in wiping away tears from our neighbors’ faces.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at: <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210404/playlist>

If you have a hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, you might now read or sing:
<https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20210404/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Then you might pray together these prayers for our church and world:

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "Christ is risen indeed."

A brief silence.

We praise you for the gift of the global church and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. And we pray for everything in nature that is endangered, from the undersea coral to the elephants of Africa. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for the times of peace and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for teenage migrants, for the people who live on our streets, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. And we pray for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you: Judy Jaquette, John Showman, Grant Aldonis, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Gretchen Zeltner, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Frank Feulling, Phillip Swingler, Michael Chaffier and family, Maria Liwski, Tucker Dean and Lisa. Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A brief silence.

We praise you for your words to Isaiah, to Paul and Peter, to Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb, and to each one of us. Receive now, we pray, our silent prayers, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

A longer period of silence.

We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially Benedict the African. And we pray that at the end of all things you raise us with all the saints to rejoice in your presence forever, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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HYMN #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:

creating a wondrous universe,

proclaiming freedom from captivity,

becoming the song of your people.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

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Your Word is made flesh among us:

with Mary in the garden, you call us by name.

With Thomas beholding your wounds, you call us to believe.

With sheep of others folds, we are gathered by your voice.

Your Word names our death and our life:

a seed that falls into the earth and dies,

rain and snow that come down from heaven to water the earth,

a vine in which we abide.

Through your Word, you appoint us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

We bless you, O God, for your Word.

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By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things.

Breathe into us your Holy Spirit.

Open our minds to understand the scriptures.

Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard,

what we have seen with our eyes,

what we have looked at and touched with our hands

concerning the word of life.

Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone,

but in truth and action.

With every creature in heaven and on earth

and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them,

we join in the hymn of all creation, as

we thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. **Amen**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Albrecht Durer, 1528; Matthias Grunewald, 1529; Lucas Cranach, 1553; artists) 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

Wednesday Mark 16:1-8. **Thursday** Psalm 133. **Friday** (commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945) Daniel 2:1-23. **Saturday** (commemoration of Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557) John 12:44-50. **Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31.

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