

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Eastertide continues as we both celebrate Christ's resurrection and ponder its meanings for us and for the world as we are engaged by today's readings. 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.



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 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.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, the servant of God whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is read or sung in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
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PSALM 4

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my
prayer.
- ²“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.
- ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been

revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. ³And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as the Son is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

The author of Acts, in seeking to appeal to the Gentiles and exonerate Pilate, has Peter blaming “the Israelites” for the death of Jesus. Peter here does not even remember his own guilt. The Christian tradition has rather seen the death of Jesus, however it came about, as bringing the possibility of repentance and forgiveness to us all. The scriptures are closed to us when we use them to judge others for their sins, forgetting our own. But the risen Christ in the power of the Spirit opens our minds to understand the scriptures. In them, when they are truly opened, we see his wounds and encounter his resurrection. In them we see the risen Jesus eat a fish, that representation of the chaos of the sea — of death — made into life-giving food. Every Sunday, the scriptures are opened for us. And every Sunday, when we are able to gather, Christ gives us life in his meal. When we cannot gather, we eat his body and blood in the scriptures themselves, by faith. In word and sacrament we meet the author of life and are given forgiveness, made children of God, and sent with words of witness and forgiveness to others.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Third Sunday of Easter Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:
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If you have a hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, you might now read or sing:
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HYMN OF THE DAY #364

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia *Mfurahini, haleluya*

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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Then pray these intercessions:

On this third Sunday of Easter, we pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with words echoing today's psalm, "Hear us when we call."

A brief silence.

Holy and righteous God, for the church, we pray:
for our own congregation,
for the churches of all our neighbors and around the globe,
and especially for Christians in Nigeria and wherever martyrdoms threaten.

A brief silence.

O God our Savior, bless your people, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

For the earth we pray:
for the well-being of terrains, plants, and animals wild and tame,
for the birds that are forgetting the song that you have given their species,
and for this week's Earth Day, that good will come from the worldwide observance.

A brief silence.

O God our Creator, restore your handiwork, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

For peace we pray:
for the end of warfare, terrorism, and cruelty to the poor,
for a respectful treatment of refugees and all who are incarcerated,
and especially for Northern Ireland and other places of civil unrest.

A brief silence.

O God our Sovereign, bring peace to the nations, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

For justice we pray:
for the liberation of all who are oppressed,
for an end to ethnic and economic prejudice,
and especially for all court cases in this and every land.

A brief silence.

O God our Refuge, protect the vulnerable, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

For all who are sick and suffering,
for those who have no access to the coronavirus vaccines,
for the children afflicted with the virus variants,
for everyone who fears receiving medical advice and assistance,
for those who live with chronic pain,
for those whose pain is known only to you,
and especially for those we name here before you:
Sandy Lindamood, Norm Olsen, Grant Aldonis, Barb Jensen, Charlotte
Boeck, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Phillip Swingler, Michael Chaffier and
Family, Maria Liwski, Tucker Dean, Lisa, the Family of Judy Jaquette, and
the Family of Frank Fuelling.

A brief silence.

O God our Caregiver, heal the sick, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

For ourselves, when we believe and when we doubt,
and for our dear ones for whom we pray:

A longer period of silence.

O God our Comforter, hold us close, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

We remember before you all the witnesses of the resurrection,
the saints of old,
those who have died by random violence or by the coronavirus,
and especially our relatives and friends.

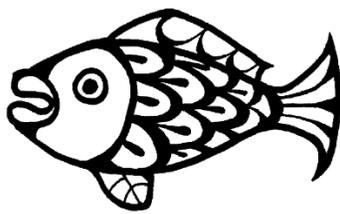
A brief silence.

O God our Resurrection, give us life now and forever, and have mercy on us.

Hear us when we call.

Receive these prayers into your heart of mercy for the sake of the holy and right-
eous one, Jesus Christ, our wondrous Redeemer.

Amen.



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HYMN #377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! 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.

We bless you, O God, for your Word.

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 (commemoration of Olavus Petri, priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, 1573; renewers of the church) Psalm 150. **Tuesday** 2 John 1-6. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, 1109) Proverbs 9:1-6. **Thursday** Psalm 23. **Friday** (commemoration of Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, 1960) Acts 4:1-4. **Saturday** Mark 6:30-34. **Fourth Sunday of Easter** (Mark, Evangelist) Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

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