

Second Sunday of Easter

April, 24, 2022

Theme: UNRAVELING EASTER - The Meaning of the Bodily Resurrection



GATHERING

Welcome and Greeting to Worship

Prelude: "Russian Easter" Rimsky-Korsakov

*Call to Worship Psalm 50

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for mighty deeds performed; praise God according to amazing and surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

People: Praise God with tambourine and dance; with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise God with clanging cymbals, with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*Hymn: #41 "O Worship the King" (see download) with Bell Choir

*Prayer of the Day (*including Ecumenical Lord's Prayer*)

Almighty and Ever-Living God, your people in all the earth adore you in this and every hour. We look to you especially in this Easter Season which by the resurrection of your Son is made holy. For the blessings of this life, we thank you and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, which is to be our own resurrection. Given such great blessings, we cannot help but be awakened to the cries of those who have no earthly hope. We hear the call of the hungry, the destitute, the very old and very young who do not see the light of day. Help them find the path of salvation, healing, and peace. Give us the fortitude, O God, to face the call and respond with haste to feed and clothe and love all of your people, and to gather them as lambs into the hope which we have found in the light of your Christ, who teaches us always when we pray to say: "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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Where Waters Flow" Ron Mallory
". . . but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."
John 4:14 Bell Choir

First Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

*Hymn: #235 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"(see download)
The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Seeing with Our Own Eyes"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Up from the place of shadow and ambiguity. Up from the place of cooling corpses, rotting flesh and bleached bones!

People: Up from the place of hopelessness and despair. Jesus rose! We, too, will rise!

Leader: People of God: hear the resurrection call from shadow to sunrise, from chaos to clarity, from death to life. Christ is raised and we are raised in him!

People: We, too, will rise!

Leader: We are in a new day! A day of marvels and miracles! A day to rejoice in what God has done and will continue to do! Yesterday was filled with too many worries and too little faith.

People: In this Easter Season, we hear the old folks say, "Mary, don't you weep, don't you mourn!"

Leader: This is a new day, a new season! A season of marvels and miracles! A season to rejoice in what God has done!

People: Yesterday was filled with too much criticism and too little affirmation. Too much confusion and fear. Too much worry and grief. Today we repeat, "Martha, don't you moan, Martha, don't you cry!"—this is a new day! a new season!

Leader: Today, we continue to say: "We, too, will rise!" The season of marvels and miracles is assured! A season to rejoice in what God has done and will continue to do!

People: Yesterday was filled with too many questions and too few answers. The Easter Season gives us a way to hold on, a way to move forward. Let's dry our tears and shout for joy! Jesus is not dead. He is alive!

Leader: God has conquered death and Jesus has canceled sin.

People: This is, indeed, a new day! a new season! He is alive! We, too, shall rise!

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the Resurrection, we bring our gifts in praise of the resurrected life. As a sign of our pledge to live in new ways, we seek to live wholly in You. In this Easter Season, we entrust to You our hearts, our energies, and our lives. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #238 "Thine Is the Glory" (see download)

Charge and Benediction: Psalm 118

L: The LORD is our strength and shield; the LORD has become our salvation.

P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

L: The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD has triumphed."

P: We shall not die! but we shall live! and recount the deeds of the LORD.

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "He Arose" arr. Lani Smith

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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