

EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of Our Lord
Theme: The Day Everything Changed

April 9, 2023



GATHERING

Prelude: “Russian Easter” Rimsky Korsakov

*Welcome and Easter Greeting

L: The Lord is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship from Psalm 118:23-29

L: This is God’s work.

P: We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

L: This is the very day God acted—

P: Let’s celebrate and be festive!

L: Salvation now, God! Bring salvation now!

P: Yes, God—the free and full life we long for, our world is desperate to receive.

L: Blessed are we who honor God’s name, our voices and spirits joining together from our respective homes.

P: For God is God, seeking only to bathe the world with goodness and light.

L: We proclaim, You are our God and we thank you for power of risen life.

P: Thank you God—Your power to bring life to dead bones is beyond reason, unimaginable, truly miraculous.

L: Your gracious love recklessly seeks a world You will not abandon.

P: Thank you God, You are so good, Your love never quits!

L: This is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn: #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (see download)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*including Ecumenical Lord’s Prayer*)

O God, You bring the dawn of each new day. We praise You for sending Christ

and for the promise he brings of new life. You scatter the clouds of darkness and open tomb’s door. Freed to live, we no longer are captive to the ways of death. We want so much to live, and yet, we cling to the finalities and limits we know. Replace our fears with the affirmation of life without end. Cleanse us of our wrongdoing and sin that we may be whole once again. Touch us with healing, that our shortsightedness may yield to the perfect vision of all you have in store. In Christ, with Christ, through 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.

Litany of Pardon and Salvation:

Leader: Risen Christ, may the mystery and glory of this Day-of-All- Days shatter us into praise. Vibrate within us the angelic chorus of angels singing “Glory Hallelujah, Glory to the Lamb!”

People: We seek God’s forgiveness in all things and the new life it brings. May the music that rings from the heavens rain down upon us refreshing our souls.

Leader: Receive the lovely proclamation of resurrection, bringing joy all our days; and afterward, everlasting joy, and life without end.

People: Risen Christ, be with us always, now, and to the end of time. AMEN

Anthem: “The Angel Rolled the Stone Away” Larry Shackle

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 25:6-9 and Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON: “Get Serious”

*Hymn: #233 “The Day of Resurrection” (see download)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

God of Shalom, God of Life, we bring our gifts as a sign of our pledge to live in new ways that we might wholly live in You. On this Easter Day and the season to come, we entrust to You our hearts, our energies, and our lives. AMEN

Anthem: "Let the Trumpet Sound" Natalie Sleeth

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Peace of Christ and Easter Affirmation

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Christ is risen!!

P: He is risen indeed!!

(Wave and greet your near neighbor with God's peace)

*Hymn: #234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (see download)

*Charge: 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!

*Benediction and Silent Prayer *(please be seated)*

Postlude "Festive Postlude on "Llanfair" Mary McDonald

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who are able, please stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
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