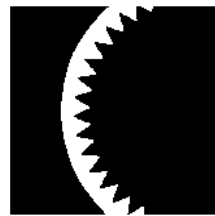


Easter Sunrise Worship

April 8, 2012

This early dawn we wait and watch for our Lord to rescue us from our bondage to death by his resurrection from the grave. The Paschal candle burns as a symbol of the resurrected Christ and as a reminder from Friday's Tenebrae: Hell cannot overcome Jesus the Light of the world.



CHOIR

“Alleluia”

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” (CW 150)

STAND

M: The Lord is risen, as he said!

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: The Lord's mighty power has done it! His power has brought us victory, his mighty power in battle.

C: Come and see the place where he lay.

M: I will not die but live, and proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Go and tell quickly the news of his triumph.

M: For Christ the Lord is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(the congregation then sings CW 145: 1-2)

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!

Death no longer can appall me.

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

From the grave Christ will recall me.

Brighter scenes will then commence;

This shall be my confidence

Jesus lives! To him the throne

High o'er heaven and earth is given.

I shall go where he is gone,

Live and reign with him in heaven.

God is faithful; doubtings hence!

This shall be my confidence

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30 (page 43 CWS)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(the congregation then sings CW 145:4-5)

Jesus lives! I know full well

Nothing me from him shall sever,

Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell

Part me now from Christ forever.

God will be a sure defense;

This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! And now is death

But the gate to life immortal;

This shall calm my trembling breath

When I pass its gloomy portal.

Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:

"Jesus is my confidence!"

STAND

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

BE SEATED

CHOIR

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

SERMON

Death Has Been Swallowed Up In Victory 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us.

"Alleluia! Jesus Lives" (CW 153)

"Welcome, Happy Morning" (CW 163)

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD (sung)

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads the people forth in joy with shouts
of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (CW 152:1,2,8)

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