

# Easter Day Service

## April 12, 2020

### Gathering Rite for the Easter Season

*This gathering rite is based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, people's book, page 97.*

*This form of Gathering — a Thanksgiving for Baptism followed by the sharing of the Peace — is suggested for the Easter season, just as a Penitential Order was suggested for the Lenten season. In this way, the customary order of Confession-and-Absolution may be seasonally replicated: a season of penitence, followed by a season of rejoicing in the peace and absolution of the risen Christ. The Confession-and-Absolution are not used after the Prayers of the People if this form of the Gathering is used, and the Greeting of Peace may be used (as shown here) before the Collect of the Day, or after the Prayers of the People, but not in both places during the same liturgy.*

### Gathering of the Community

#### Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy!**

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are raised to new life in the Spirit.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font while the presider gives thanks, saying,*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,

to lead us, through his death and resurrection,

from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,

we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism

may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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*The officiant greets the people:*

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Hymn: CP #203 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

*Text: Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *(BAS, p. 866)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim, \*

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*

**and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*

**in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live, \*

**and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*

**but he did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; \*

**he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing, \*  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 31:1-6)

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

The word of the Lord. (or Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle: You Are God**

You are God: we praise you;

**you are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

you are the eternal Father:

**all creation worships you.**

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you;

the noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

**Father, of majesty unbounded,**

your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

**and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,

**the eternal Son of the Father.**

When you became man to set us free

**you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

You overcame the sting of death

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

**We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,

**bought with the price of your own blood,**

and bring us with your saints

**to glory everlasting.**

*The second appointed reading is read, the reader first saying*

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10:34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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### **The Song of Zechariah**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \*

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

free to worship him without fear, \*

**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

to give his people knowledge of salvation \*

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Apostle Matthew (Matt. 28:1-10)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said,

"Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*A period of silence may follow.*

## **Reflection**

### **Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.  
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your grace for *N* our bishop, [*N* our priest,] and for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.  
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten.  
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us.  
God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for [especially....], knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to you all who have died [especially....], that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign.

God of love: **Hear our prayer.**

### **General Thanksgiving**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise  
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care  
which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks  
which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments  
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience,  
by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again,  
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places,  
may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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.**

### **Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### **Hymn: CP #210 – Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son**

1. Yours be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry, over death you won.  
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, over death hast won.

2. See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now living; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3. No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:  
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]

*Text: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932)*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**