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Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

April 4, 2021

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

INTRODUCTION

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Strife is O'er*

~Robert Lau

Incorporating G. F. Handel's, "Water Music".

SPOKEN **HYMN #369** *Christ, the Lord is Risen Today*

C Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Christians hasten on your way, Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet, Alleluia!

Stand **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every
day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in
baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain [and snow],
for [local water sources may be named].

**C We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this
place.**

P We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the flood
waters, for leading your people Israel through the sea
into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah
through the time of drought, for guiding your people
across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the

Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, [for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil/in this holy season;] for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Stand **GREETING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

Worthy is Christ. The Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free

To be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and Honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. . .

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Spoken**

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his

disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit **THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SERMON

Stand **Spoken HYMN #377** *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

C Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Trumpets resounding in
glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, What a miracle God has in sight! Jesus is risen
and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia !

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

P Hear us, O God
C your mercy is great.

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O
faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share. We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you**

MEAL

Stand Spoken **OFFERTORY HYMN #184** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

C **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of love,

C **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right . . .

Spoken **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread
of heaven. Hallelujah!

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and
blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us.*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and
resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish
your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus'
resurrection that we may show your glory to all the
world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Spoken **HYMN #385** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

C **Good Christian friends, Rejoice and sing, Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring!**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Thine is the Glory* ~ *H.F. Handel*

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READINGS for April 11, 2021:

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bruce & Sue Senft to the Glory of God.

Operating Receipts thru February 28: \$32,887

Payments made thru February 28: \$46,692

Attendance: 03/28/2021 64

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

ST. MARK'S MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS - Cost \$35.00 per brick (no limit). Order forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Bricks can be purchased anytime throughout the year.

Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for Saturday April 10.. (Meet at the entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) We will forego meeting for breakfast until everyone is vaccinated. Anyone planning to help please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.) cksmith6@verizon.net.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP -

Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINITSTER - Kellen Michalowski

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GREETERS -

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Birthdays for April

04/01 – Stella Baker	04/20 – Patty Ernest
04/02 – Fred Shultz	Keri Miller
Owen Smith	Danielle DiSerio
Madeline Varga	04/21- Christopher Bair
04/03 Jane Shetrone	4/22- Caleb Varga
Charles Walak	04/23 – Kristy Shoaff
04/04 – Caden Bryan	04/25 – Kimberly Klick
Casianne Frey	Lauryn Edwards
Valerie Martello	(McClenahan)
04/05 - Michelle Haynos	04/26 - Denise Harr
04/12 - Linda Dullen	Melva Neifert
04/13 - Donald Herbster	Karin Senft
Christian McClain	04/27 - Zachary Lee
04/15—Susan Simpler	James Long
04/16 - Anthony Weldon	Calvin Smith
04/17 – Lauren Briner	04/29 - April Trout
04/18 – Carol Watkins	Jackson Lee



HARVEST

Golf Tournament

Monday, May 24, 2021
Rain or Shine

8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format

Sunset Golf Course
2601 Sunset Dr. Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-9262

All Proceeds benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Harrisburg, PA.
*Providing emergency food assistance to approximately
1,000 central Pennsylvanians each month.*

Please visit <https://efoodpantry.org> to register, donate or sponsor.

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Upcoming Events



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Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald - March 21, 2021

You are invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on March 21 or April 11. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper! Cost is free, please register.

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