Easter Festival Worship
Sunday, April 12, 2020
We Gather in Silence

HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is ris’n 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 heav’nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!
Amen.

The Easter Gospel

Pastor       Alleluia! Christ is risen!
ALL         He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

And the angel said to the women at the tomb:
“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
He is not here: He has risen, just as He said.
Come and see the place where He lay.
Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead!’” (Matthew 28:5-7)
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ALL He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Worship “Raise a Hallelujah” – Bethel Music

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies.
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief.
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody.
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me.

I’m gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you’re gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated; the King is alive.

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me.
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee.
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery.
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me.

Sing a little louder. (Sing a little louder.)
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Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me.
Sing a little louder!

Welcome to Redeemer Pastor Steve Ferber

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.

“We are witnesses of everything He did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed Him by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him from the dead on the third day and caused Him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us 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 whom God appointed 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.”
Easter Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

**Easter Confession and Forgiveness**

**Pastor**

Friends in Christ, we stand in the presence of our living God. We are the witnesses who share the message of the risen Christ. Yet we are sinners, filled with fear, unbelief, doubt, and despair. Let us confess our sins in the presence of the living God.

**People**

Merciful God, we confess that we have set our minds towards the things of death, and not on the life revealed in Jesus Christ.

In our fear, we quickly turn from You towards ourselves.

Our fear leads us to doubt Your promises, harm our neighbor, and neglect Your creation.

Resurrect us, O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in Your Church, and in our world.

Through the mercy of Your beloved Son, forgive us our sin, and give us the new breath of Your Spirit.

**Pastor**

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, “Do not be afraid!”
Know that you are washed anew in His rising, and your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.
Amen!

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Children’s Message

Offerings  Is He Worthy? – Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the Light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord to be the Light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David’s Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with His Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

He is!

He is!

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Easter Message  “Easter - Dawn of Hope”  Pastor Steve Ferber

“Hope Has a Name” – River Valley Worship

There is a song, I know it well,
A melody that's never failed.
On mountains high, in valleys low,
My soul will rest, my confidence in You alone.

Hope has a name; His name is Jesus.
My Savior's cross has set this sinner free.
Hope has a name; His name is Jesus.
Oh Christ be praised, I have victory.

There is a light, salvation's flame.
Christ undefeated, trampled the grave.
See now the cross be lifted high.
The light has come, the light has won; behold the Christ.

There'll be a day, my hope complete,
Now home in glory, Your face I'll see.
My pain no more, my fear will cease.
I bow my life, I fix my eyes on Christ my King.
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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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People      He is risen indeed  Alleluia!

Blessing    The Lord bless you and keep you.
            The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
            The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
            Amen.

HYMN      “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o' er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy Body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without Thee, aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu’ rors through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Dismissal   Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ!
            Thanks be to God.

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Worship Director Dan Oie
Musicians  Cheryl Oie
          Kathy Banisky
          Tim Johnson