

† St. Paul's Lutheran Church †
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer Bible Class 9:30am/Sunday School 9:00am

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Divine Service 10:00am

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The observance of an early service on Easter Day has long tradition in Christian worship. Matthew's Gospel tells us that "toward the dawn of the first day of the week . . ." Mary Magdalene and the other women went to the tomb of Jesus and found it empty. An early dawn celebration helps to recreate the time and the context of that first Easter experience and brings to our ears once again the word of the angel to the women: "Do not be afraid. He has risen, as He said." (Matthew 28:5-6)

+ PREPARATION +

(Silence)

Pastor: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

[The altar candles are lit:]

Pastor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

EASTER MEDLEY

INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The angel said: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said."

Matthew 28: 5-6

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*

Pastor: "Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead." *Matthew 28:6b-7*

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalms 118:23

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom among us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord

People: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

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. May we die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 14:10-15:1

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SELECTION

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118:15-29

Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,

the right hand of the Lord exalts,

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me severely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me

and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Musical Selection "Redemption Song"

VERSE

All: "Our Savior Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." *2 Timothy 1:10b*

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

REMEMBERING OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

LORD'S PRAYER

EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is arisen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All: Death has no more dominion over us.

Pastor: The Lord is risen indeed.

All: We are illumined by the brightness of His rising.

Pastor: Go forth with renewed life. Live each day in the joy, confidence, and hope of the resurrection. Everywhere you go, create the community of God's people in Christ.

All: So be it! So shall we live! Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION "I Am the Resurrection"

