

# The Resurrection of our Lord Easter Dawn

March 31, 2024 - 6:00 a.m. **Zion Ev. Lutheran Church** - **Allenton**, WI

The service begins in the darkness and silence of pre-dawn as we remember the events of Good Friday afternoon...Jesus' death, his time in the grave and the sorrow of the women who walked to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body.

### Jesus' Burial

harmony of the Gospels (EHV)

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned it from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Joseph bought a linen cloth, came and took Jesus' body away. Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about sixty-five pounds.

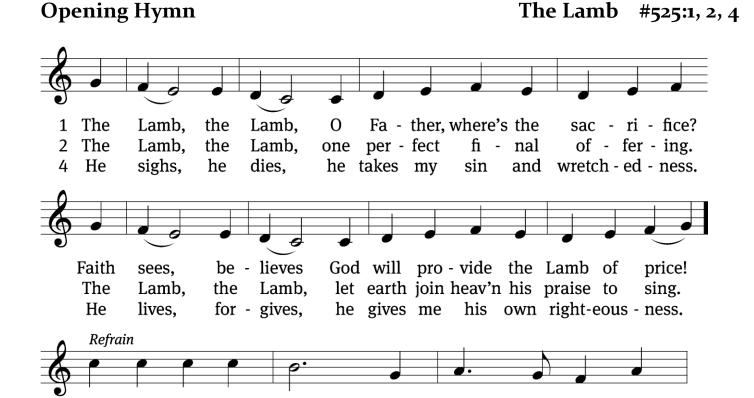
They took Jesus' body and wrapped it along with the spices in linen cloths, according to Jewish burial custom.

There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. So because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. Joseph took the body and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee, followed after Joseph and observed the tomb and at how his body was laid. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he was laid. They returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, "Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, 'He is risen from the dead.' And this last deception will be worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.



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# **Dialogue for Easter Day**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. *Exodus* 15:1-2

Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song. *Psalm 95:2* 

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. *Psalm* 118:17

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power.

The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

Exodus 15:6-7

Death has been swallowed up in victory. 1 Corinthians 15:54

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life. *Psalm 16:10-11* 

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. *John* 20:29

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:55

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. *Job* 19:25

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever. Revelation 11:15

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. *Revelation* 7:10

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! *Revelation* 5:12

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# Hymn

He's Risen, He's Risen! #445:1-3, 5

He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; he opened death's prison, the incarnate Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song and earth, sea, and mountain, the praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary the Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, for Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose, and death, hell, and Satan he vanquished, his foes. The conquering Lord lifts his banner on high; he lives, yes, he lives, and will nevermore die.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.

Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.

#### PART ONE - THE WOMEN AT THE TOMB

Very early on Sunday morning, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, went to the tomb, rolled the stone away, and sat on it. He was as bright as lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary from Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint Jesus.

While it was still dark, the women went to look at the tomb. They were coming to the tomb very early when the sun had just come up and were bringing the spices which they had prepared. They asked one another, "Who is going to roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back, even though it was very large. So Mary from Magdala ran and came to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she told them, "and we don't know where they laid him."

But when the other women went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were troubled about this, suddenly two men stood beside them in clothes that were shining with the brightness of lightning, one, a young man, dressed in a white robe, now sitting at the right side. The women were terrified, and they bowed their faces to the ground.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid any longer; I know you are looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was crucified. Why do you look among the dead for him who is alive? He is not here. He has risen as he said. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third

day." They remembered what he had told them. "Come, see the place where he was lying. And go quickly, tell his disciples and Peter: 'He has risen from the dead. To be sure, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' Take note that I have told you."

They went out and hurried away from the tomb, because they were trembling and bewildered with fear and great joy. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid and ran to tell the disciples.

# Hymn

# Welcome, Happy Morning #469:1

"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"
Lo, the dead is living,
God forevermore!
Him, their true Creator,
all his works adore.
"Welcome, happy morning!"
age to age shall say;
"Hell today is vanquished;
heav'n is won today!"

# PART TWO – JESUS APPEARS TO MARY

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.



# In Christ Alone #510:1-3



#### PART THREE - THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Now that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth, "they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each

other. "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

# Hymn

Abide with Me #783:1, 6, 7

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

# PART FOUR - JESUS APPEARS TO THE ELEVEN

The two disciples got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There on the evening of the first day of the week, when the disciples were together with the doors looked for fear of the Jews, they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has arisen!"

While they were still talking about his, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that it written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

# Hymn

# I Love to Tell the Story #746:1, 6

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do. **Refrain** 

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

O wonderful redemption! The price for sin is paid, Salvation is accomplished, my heart is unafraid. For God has raised Christ Jesus to show the work was done; His glorious resurrection declared the vict'ry won! *Refrain* 

# PART FIVE - VICTORY THROUGH THE RESURRECTION

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to

you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born...

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> 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. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> 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. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1

Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-20, 50-57)

#### **Easter Devotion**

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Victory!

Offering

# Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #465

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" saints on earth and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won. Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n! God has now fulfilled his Word; praise the resurrected Lord!

# **Easter Prayer**

Life-giving Father, we praise you for the Easter joy which fills our hearts. We thank you for revealing yourself to us in your Son Jesus Christ, so that we need never doubt your existence, power, or love for us.

We thank you especially for preserving the sacred story of your Son's victory over our enemies in your Word. Without this sure and certain witness that Christ truly rose from the grave, our hope would be lost.

Precious Savior, you gloriously conquered death and the grave, just as you promised. Help us to see that the story of your resurrection is not just another fact of history,

But that it is your Father's own assurance to us that you are his Son, that our sins have been cancelled, that life is worth living, and that death is but a door to heaven.

O Holy Spirit, accompany the hearing of the Easter miracle with your working, so that the doubts of the skeptical may be removed, the false assurance of the unbeliever may be destroyed, and that the humble faith of your children may be strengthened and rewarded with the sure hope of the next life in heaven.

We ask this for the sake of him who lived a perfect life for us, who died an innocent death for us, who rose from the grave for us, and who will return in power and majesty to take us to live with him forever.

All this we ask in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

# The Lord's Prayer

# **Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

#### He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Amen.

# **Closing Hymn**

# Crown Him with Many Crowns #511:1-3

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

#### This Week at Zion

**Today:** 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship

7:00 a.m. Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall

9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship

**Mon:** 7:00 p.m. Long Range Facilities committee

**Tue:** 7:00 a.m. *Election Day* 

**Wed:** 6:00 p.m. Catechism instructions

**Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Sat:** 4:30 p.m. Parents' Night out at KML

5:00 p.m. Bags Tournament – Fellowship Hall

**Sun:** 7:30 /9:45 a.m. Worship

8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Welcome to all who have gathered to celebrate our Savior's resurrection! May God's Word bring you the comfort, joy and peace we have because of Jesus' resurrection. We offer a special welcome to those who are visiting us this morning. Please join us for worship again sometime soon.

**Easter Breakfast** You're invited to join us for Easter breakfast after the sunrise service today. Thanks to Sue Brueggeman, Gerald & Elaine Schulz, the crew who came yesterday morning to prep, and all who donated, set up, cooked, baked, prepared, or in any way helped with our Easter breakfast this morning (including the Sunday School children who prepared the placemats!).

We thank Bea Pamperin for serving as accompanist this morning. We also thank Alyce Herman, Lilly Musack and Anna Bode for serving as the small choir.

**LWMS Rally** The spring rally of the local Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. See the poster on the bulletin board for additional information.

**Save the Date** We have our spring work day scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work needs to be done outside and inside. Please save the date and join us.

**OWLS Meeting** Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, is the date for the next area OWLS meeting. Bruce Braun will be repeating his presentation on our mission in Ukraine and his family's history. It will be at the Lomira Village Hall beginning at 1 p.m.

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