



Sunday, April 11, 2021

HE HAS RISEN

2nd Sunday of Easter

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
In your resurrection, O Christ, let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright CP 231

*That Eastertide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*He bade them see his hands his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*From every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Easter tide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus, the king of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*that we may give thee all our days the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, to you be praise and glory forever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt and led them to freedom in the promised land, so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.

May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made and praise you for your mighty acts.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 133

The musical score is for Psalm 133, 'A Song of Ascents, David'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a dynamic marking of *mf* and is marked as a canon. The lyrics are 'Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! jah!'. Above the vocal line, guitar chords are indicated: D, A7sus4, D, A7sus4, D, A7sus4, D, A7sus4, D. The accompaniment starts with a 3/8 time signature and then changes to 4/4. A bracket under the accompaniment staff is labeled 'Repeat for canon accompaniment'. The score includes first, second, and third endings, and a fourth ending labeled 'Canon repeat' followed by a 'unis/harm ending'.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Death is swallowed up in victory. **Where, O death, is your sting?**

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised. **Where, O death, is your sting?**

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Jesus Is Risen from the Grave CP 232

***Jesus is risen from the grave, Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave, Alleluia.***

***Jesus was seen by Mary, Jesus was seen by Mary,
Jesus was seen by Mary, Alleluia.***

***Peter will soon be smiling, Peter will soon be smiling,
Peter will soon be smiling, Alleluia.***

***Thomas will stop his doubting, Thomas will stop his doubting,
Thomas will stop his doubting, Alleluia.***

***Jesus will meet his people, Jesus will meet his people,
Jesus will meet his people, Alleluia.***

*Jesus will live forever, Jesus will live forever,
Jesus will live forever, Alleluia.*

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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Sermon

'I am the Lord, your Holy One, **the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.**'

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, **a path in the mighty waters,**

'Remember not the former things, **nor consider the things of old.**

Behold, I am doing a new thing; **now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, **to give drink to my chosen people,**
the people whom I formed for myself, **that they might declare my praise.'**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

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

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

I Am the Resurrection (Ray Repp)

*I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will live a new life.*

*I have come to bring the truth; I have come to bring you life;
If you believe, then you shall live.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will live a new life.*

*In my word all will come to know It is love which makes the spirit grow;
If you believe, then you shall live.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will live a new life.*

*Keep in mind the things that I have said; It is love which makes the spirit grow;
If you believe, then you shall live.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life; All who believe in me will live a new life.*

Stewardship Moment

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the people of God that they might proclaim the risen Lord;*
- *God's creation that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care;*
- *those in despair and darkness that they may find the hope and light of Christ;*
- *those in fear of death that they may find faith through the resurrection and*
- *prisoners and captives.*

Let us pray: O God, our beginning and our end: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation and 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.

I Danced in the Morning VU 352

***I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.***

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.***

***Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

***I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.***

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**
May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48