

## *Easter Matins*

### **WELCOME TO BETHANY**

We gather this day to receive God's gifts and to praise His holy name. If you are visiting us today, we encourage you to fill out a yellow card in the pew rack to inform us of your visit and to introduce yourself to one of the pastors. Please stop by our Welcome Center in the narthex for more information about Bethany, and to receive a gift for you from our church family. Also, be sure to pick up our weekly *News & Notes*, located on the table in the back of the church.

Bethany is a singing parish and we hope that you will join us. A fine voice is not required – just a heart for worship. As you follow the order of service in this bulletin, please note:

- LSB refers to the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*
- Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.
- Front pew - hymnals are in a rack underneath your seat.

For your reference, worship participants are indicated as follows in the bulletin:

**P:** Presiding Minister (pastor's parts)

**A:** *Assisting Liturgist (pastor, choir or cantor)*

**C:** **Congregation (or all)**

### **AS WE GATHER**

May God fill us with the same enthusiasm for the resurrection that Peter and John had. Once they heard that Jesus was not in the tomb they raced to the scene, trying to outrun the other. Have we raced here this morning to hear again of our Lord's resurrection? If not, may the Word of God, preached, sung and received in our mouths give us such joy.

+We Stand in Easter Joy+

**THE INVOCATION AND VERSICLES**

Psalm 118:24, 113:3; Exodus 15:1-2a

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: **The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

C: **The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

**THE OFFICE HYMN** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LSB #457

+We Sit to Meditate on God's Word+

**THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

P: Let us pray. (*silence is kept*) Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**ADDRESS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**THE FIRST READING**

Exodus 14:10-15:1 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup>Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." <sup>13</sup>And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

<sup>15</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. <sup>16</sup>Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup>And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup>clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

<sup>26</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup>So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup>The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup>But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup>Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup>Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,  
 "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
 the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY** "This is the Day"

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-24

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 let us re - joi - ce and be glad; for  
 this is the day that the Lord has made; al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**A:** antiphon  
**C:** antiphon

**A:** Give thanks to God, for He is good, His mercy endures forever.  
 Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."

**C:** antiphon

**A:** The Lord's right hand is lifted up; the hand of the Lord is mighty.  
 I shall not die, but live to tell the marvelous deeds of the Lord.

**C:** antiphon

**A:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
 This is the work of Lord; how wonderful, how wonderful in our eyes!

**C:** antiphon

**THE EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

+We Stand and Face the Gospel Procession+

**VERSE**

(The congregation repeats alleluias as sung by the choir.)

"Christ has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality  
 to light through the Gospel." - 2 Tim 1:10b

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:1-18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

+We Sit for the Proclamation of Law and Gospel+

**SERMON HYMN** "All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding"

LSB #462

Stanza 1 - *choir*

Stanza 2 - *all*

Stanza 3 - *choir*

Stanza 4 - *all*

**SERMON**

+We Stand to Confess Our Holy Faith+

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(see inside back cover of hymnal)

+The Tithes and Offerings Are Received+

**THE OFFERING AND VOLUNTARY**

"On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days"

*Schola Cantorum & Jr. High Easter Singers*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*On earth has dawned this day of days, whereon the faithful give God praise.  
For Christ is risen from the tomb, and light and joy have conquered doom.  
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit alleluia!*

*At early morn, with spices rare, the women three assembled there,  
All to anoint fair Mary's Son, who over death had vict'ry won.  
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit alleluia!*

*"Whom seek ye here?" the angel said; "The Lord is risen from the dead;  
See where He lay; let joy begin, the tomb is empty; enter in!"  
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit alleluia!*

*So let our songs to heaven wing, the vault with alleluias ring,  
In praise of Christ, our risen Lord; new life to all He doth afford.  
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit alleluia!*

*(All guests and members are requested to complete an attendance card.)*

*+We Stand for Prayer+*

**HYMN** "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LSB #461 st. 1,2,6,7,8

**THE PRAYERS**

**C:** hear our prayer.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**C:** Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

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*(Please turn to face the cross as it is recessed during the recessional hymn.)*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed, alleluia!

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**THOSE SERVING YOU TODAY**

11:30AM

Pastor Timothy Rossow

Pastor Stephen Schumacher

Susan Keller

Patrick Johnson & Michael Johnson

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