



The Resurrection

of our

Lord 2021

Easter Greeting

Psalm 96

*O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.*

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

*For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

*Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

*Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.*

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity."

*Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;*

*let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the
Lord!*

P: Christ is risen!

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**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of God who
raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which He gives
to us be with you all.*

C: And also with you.

Entrance Hymn *Praise to the Lord Almighty*

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,

joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning

and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;

surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

as with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, through the raising up of your Son on this day you overpowered sin and death with the promise of grace and life in His name. So fill us with the Spirit that our faith will rejoice in Your mighty act of salvation and love; proclaiming it to the ends of the earth and to the end of time. We ask this in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

*I*n the months after Jesus' resurrection the disciples went about teaching and preaching. Peter was visiting with a Gentile, Cornelius, when he said, "I am completely convinced that God does not show any partiality. Anyone, from any nation, or race, or religion who honors God and serves Him is acceptable to him. You have heard of the message he sent to the people of Israel - the preaching of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all!) - this is the message that spread throughout the country of Judea. It had its beginnings up in the area of Galilee right after the baptism that John talked about; how God first anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then the story continues with Jesus going around doing good things and healing anyone who was being oppressed by the devil. Jesus could do this because God was with him.

We disciples are witnesses who now testify to all that Jesus did both in the countryside of Judea and in the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was eventually put to death by hanging him on *the cross* and then God awakened him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to everyone, but only to those of us who were chosen by God as witnesses. We, his disciples, are the ones who then ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Jesus then commanded us, his disciples, to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of both the living and

the dead.

This Jesus is the one that all the prophets of old testify about. And even they say that everyone - without exception - everyone who has faith in his faithfulness receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm

118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Ísrael say,
"His steadfast love endures
forever."**

*The Lord is my strength and my
might;*

he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

*"The right hand of the Lord does
valiantly;*

*the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does
valiantly."*

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

The Lord has punished me severely,

but he did not give 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 chief 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.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15

Now I, Paul, would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you, in turn, listened to, which you now use as your evaluative point of view of

the world, and through which you also are now being saved – that is, if you remain completely convinced by the message that I proclaimed to you – which you must be doing – otherwise, what’s the point?! I passed along to you what had been passed along to me: that Christ died for our sins just as the scripture required, and that he was raised on the third day, just as the scriptures required, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve disciples. After that, Jesus appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters all at once – and most of them are still alive! – though, sadly, a few have died. Then Jesus appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles – actually, I am not fit to be called an apostle because I seriously persecuted the church of God. But it is by the grace of God that I am what I am now! And I assure you that God’s grace toward me has not been pointless! No, it is actually just the opposite, because I worked harder than any of the other apostles--though it was not I who was doing this work, but the grace of God that is with me. But, regardless of whether it was me or the other apostles who proclaimed the message to you, it was proclaimed and you have believed!

So, help me out here – if we have proclaimed that Christ was the one who was raised from the dead how can some of you say, “there is no resurrection of the dead?!” Because, if you are right that there is no resurrection of the dead, then it must also be true that Christ has not been raised from the dead; and if it is true that Christ has not been raised then it must also be true that our proclamation to you was pointless and the faith that it stirred up in you is also pointless! Worse than that, if what you are saying about there being no resurrection from the dead is true then we are actually even misrepresenting God, because what we testified about God was that He raised Christ – whom he did not actually raise if it what *you* say is true. As I just reasoned out for you: if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised then your faith is pointless. And, then, here are the logical conclusions of your thinking that “the dead are not raised:” you are still in your sins, and even the faithful who have died in Christ have actually just, well, died, end of story. And I have to tell you, we are a pretty pitiful bunch of folks if our hope

in Christ is only all about this life.

Fortunately, the truth is that Christ *has* been raised from the dead, the very first of all who have died. And the true logic is this: since death came into the world through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come in the world through a human being. Just as everyone dies in Adam, so also will everyone be made alive in Christ!

Verse

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

P: Spread the Good News over all the earth!

C: Jesus has died and is risen!

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Mark 16

And completing the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that, going to the tomb, they might anoint him. And early in the morning after the Sabbath, they went to the tomb, the sun having risen. And they had been saying to each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

And having looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very great, had been rolled back.

And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, being clothed in a white garment; and they were astonished.

But he said to them, "Do not be astonished. Jesus, whom you seek, the Nazarene, the crucified, has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the spot where they had placed him. But go! Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there

you will see him, just as he told you."

And having come out, they fled from the tomb, for trembling and ecstasy seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

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*1. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.*

Refrain:

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
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Christ is risen from the dead!*

*2. Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,*

**glory round his wounded brow.
[Refrain]**

*3. Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now hath found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its first-fruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found.
[Refrain]*

*4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthral.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast.
[Refrain]*

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

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*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.*

**Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!**

*2 God be praised, for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.*

**God be praised, the same
forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

*3 Frail as summer's flow'r we
flourish,*

*blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!*

*4 Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.*

**Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

The Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal