

# The Resurrection of Our Lord, year A

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## Focus on the Season: the Resurrection of Our Lord, year A

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God is our strength and our song, and has become our salvation! God has raised Jesus from the dead, love has conquered hate, life has defeated death. Even in our separation from each other, the risen Christ still comes to us in blessing and life, and, like the Marys at the tomb, says to us, “Do not be afraid.” From here we, like they, are sent as witness to others of God’s resurrection life for the world.

*Keep this document open on the screen, to aid in your worship today. The links are embedded in this pdf, so you don’t have to return to the email. However, you can also print these pages and use the links in the email.*



## Centering and Gathering

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*Cantor Cherwien encourages the first person awake in the household to play this as loud as possible:*

**Toccata from Symphony V** – Charles Marie Widor

*click the title to listen*

*Played by Cantor Cherwien at last year’s Easter Vigil, April 20, 2019.*

*Light your candle. Get bells ready, and a bowl of water.*

**PROCLAMATION AND HYMN: ELW 365, “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”** *click the title to listen*

*This includes the responsive alleluias that begin our Easter Sunday liturgy, and the asperges (the sprinkling of baptismal water) during them. If you have a bowl of water, you could sprinkle yourself and others and remember your baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection.*

*This was from last Easter Sunday at Mount Olive, April 21, 2019.*

### EASTER GREETING

*Greet one another with the good news! Ring bells!*

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

Watch this video of **Mount Olive people proclaiming the Resurrection!**

*click the bold title to watch*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*click the bold title to pray along, and hear the first reading*

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6; reader – assisting minister Tricia Van Een *the Prayer of the Day video*

<sup>1</sup> At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

*Sing or say the psalm together:*

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; \* God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel | now declare, \* “God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

The LORD is my strength | and my song, \* and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: \*

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! \* The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

I shall not | die, but live, \* and declare the works | of the LORD.

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, \* but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

Open for me the | gates of righteousness; \* I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

“This is the gate | of the LORD; \* here the righ- | teous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me \* and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the build- | ers rejected \* has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the LORD has | this been done; \* it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made; \* let us rejoice and be | glad in it..

READING: **Colossians 3:1-4**; reader – assisting minister Tricia Van Een

*click Colossians to watch*

*Paul writes:* <sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Repeating Alleluia, Calvin Hampton** *click on the bold title to listen*

*Sung by Mount Olive on Easter Sunday last year, April 21, 2019. Charles Lazarus, trumpet; Cantor Cherwien, organ.*

**Or:** *Watch this video of the same Gospel Acclamation, with Charles Lazarus and Cantor Cherwien and Mount Olive's congregation from Easter Day, April 7, 2015:*

**Video of Repeating Alleluia, Calvin Hampton** *click on the bold title to watch*

**Or:** *do both! It's Easter, and Christ is risen!*

HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 28:1-10** *click Matthew to watch*

<sup>1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON

**Move**

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Click on the title, "Move," to watch*

HYMN: **ELW 379, "Now the Green Blade Rises"** *click on the bold title to listen*

*Sung by Mount Olive at the Great Vigil of Easter, April 15, 2017.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Tricia Van Ee, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. Included in our prayers today for those who have died is **LeRoy Erlandson**, who died last Sunday, and prayers for healing for Julie Erlandson's mother, **Charlotte Koshiol**.*

*Pray these aloud, perhaps with one as leader if there are more than one gathered, and add any you feel drawn to add.*

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Silence.*

God of resurrection, you have given us new life in Christ. Help us to set our minds not on things that are on earth, but on things that are above; not on temporary things, but on your everlasting love. We rejoice with those who celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week: Catherine, Jeannene, Daniel, Steve, Timm, and Audrey. *God, in your mercy . . .*

Your spirit is at work renewing your church all over this world. Open our ears to the proclamation of your witnesses today and always. Strengthen our mission partners in Palestine, Bright Stars of

Bethlehem and Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem as they work to be a presence of hope; and in South Minneapolis, Lake Street Council as they work to ensure diversity and prosperity, and Powderhorn Park Neighborhood association as they work to enhance the lives of residents. *God, in your mercy . . .*

All your creation praises you -- spring flowers burst from the ground, trees bud, and birds return and build their nests, reminding us with their songs that you care for your creation and it glorifies you. Let us hear them and blend our voices in the song of praise. *God, in your mercy . . .*

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and your steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace, and give courage to leaders who seek to do what is right for all people. *God, in your mercy . . .*

The poor and the oppressed cry out for justice. Help us to move beyond our inaction to be the helpers who work for justice and to speak words of love and care to those who face discrimination, abuse, contempt. *God, in your mercy . . .*

We still weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Protect and strengthen doctors, nurses, and medical staff. Cradle the fearful, the lonely, the suffering, the dying, and the sick, assuring them of your loving presence, especially Charlotte (Koshiol), and those we name before you... *God, in your mercy . . .*

Bless the people of Mount Olive as we worship physically apart from each other. We are reassured that just as you have been faithful to the people of Israel, your love for us is steadfast, and your people will be reunited. Though we may feel anxious, we find our rest and our relief in you. *God, in your mercy . . .*

*Add any petitions you feel drawn to pray. Then:*

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died, especially Leroy and Mike, and those we name before you... *God, in your mercy . . .*

Whatever else you see that we and the world need, grant us O God, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

#### PEACE

*Please greet others with Christ's peace. If you haven't called someone to join this prayer together, perhaps you might take the time now to call another and wish them peace.*

HYMN: **ELW 378, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"**

*click on the bold title to listen*

*From the 2016 CD, "Mount Olive Sings." Charles Lazarus, trumpet; Cantor Cherwien, organ.*

## CONCLUDING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

*Someone may offer a blessing on behalf of all:*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard and keep our hearts and minds in + Christ Jesus. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve as Christ!

POSTLUDE:            **Concerto in B-flat, Movement I – Allegro**            Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

*Recorded by Cantor Cherwien and Charles Lazarus this week. Click the bold title to watch.*

AND ONCE MORE, BECAUSE CHRIST IS RISEN:

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