

# The Resurrection of our Lord Community Worship

Sky Island Easter Sunrise ~ 6:45 AM  
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**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**WELCOME – Pastor Heckman**

**THE EASTER ACCLAMATION**

P Christ is Risen!

**C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**THE GATHERING HYMN “I am the Resurrection”**

**Refrain**

**I am the resurrection & the Life**

**He who believes in Me will never die!** (repeat)

1. I have come to bring the Truth

I have come to bring you Life:

**If you believe, then you shall live.**

**Refrain**

2. In my Word all men shall come to know -

It is love which makes the spirit grow:

**If you believe, then you shall live.**

**Refrain**

3. Keep in mind the things that I have said

Remember me in the breaking of the bread:

**If you believe, then you shall live.**

**Refrain**

**THE GREETING**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

**C Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P You have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*(Col. 3:1)*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(brief silence for reflection)*

Gracious God,

**C We confess that we have turned our back on the life you offer. In selfish grasping, we have failed to**

**recognize your abundant gifts. In turning away from the needs of others, we have turned from you. We have rejected the chance to see and serve the holy in our midst. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Turn us from our sin, and draw us to your glory, so that we may serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

**P** By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our sin is put to death that we might rise with Christ. God forgives us all our sins that we may be strengthened in all goodness and granted eternal life.

**C Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

**Refrain: Kyrie Eleison, on our world, and on our way.  
Kyrie Eleison, every day.**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
For the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Refrain**

2. That we may live out your impassioned response  
To the hungry and the poor; that we may live out  
Truth and justice and grace  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Refrain**

3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
For friends and family; for live and for love,  
For our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Refrain**

4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives, in the  
water and the word; that you nourish our souls  
With your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Refrain**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF OUR RISEN LORD

P The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of Christ's Peace.)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

L The First Reading is from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Here ends the reading.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*  
(Ps. 118:24)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

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

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

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

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

L The second reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you

hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. Here ends the reading.

### **C Thanks be to God.**

#### **EASTER GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8** *(Please stand as able)*

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

#### **P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EASTER MEDITATION**    *(Please sit)*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY “Because He Lives”**

1. God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

#### **Refrain**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!**

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he brings;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

#### **Refrain**

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

#### **Refrain**

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at**

**the right hand of the Father. 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**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

**L** Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (*name/s may be spoken here*) and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**L** Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death (*especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts*)



*inspired generations to faith*). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen.**

**THE OFFERING** (*Please place offerings in the Basket*)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray:

P Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C Amen.**

**THE CONSECRATION**

P All glory is yours, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; In your divine mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to become the true Passover Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. By his death he destroys death, and by his rising he opens the way to eternal life.

On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, given for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us and send us forth as signs of your gracious love.

**C Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray,

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

**C Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN – “The Lord of the Dance”**

1. 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 down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Refrain: 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.**

2. 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 to me and the Dance went on.

### **Refrain**

3. 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 they left me there on a cross to die.

### **Refrain**

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black – It's hard to dance with a devil on your back, they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

### **Refrain**

5. They cut me down, but I leapt up high, I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you live in me. I am the Lord of the dance said He.

## **DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## *Easter Memorials*

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#### **Easter Plants:**

In Memory of Paul Benner *by his family*

In Memory of Eleanor and Stanley Baran *by Gertraud Humphreys & Mark Baran*

In Memory of Karin and Kurt Brunner *by Gertraud Humphreys & Mark Baran*

In Memory of Shelby Danner *by Alice Whitman*

In Memory of Serafina DiGuardia *by the DiGuardia Family*

In Memory of Howard Hilbert *by Alice Hilbert*

In Memory of John Price *by the DiGuardia Family*

In Memory of Pat Whitman *by Alice Whitman*

**+ Everyone is invited to share  
refreshments provided by our gracious  
hosts – the Quinby family. +**

**AND**

**Join the members of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham  
for a continental breakfast at 9:00 AM at Durham Lutheran, 821  
Durham Road, Durham, PA**