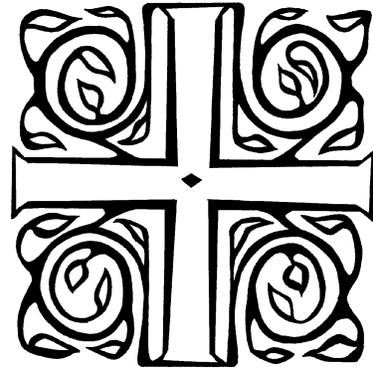


CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday (*Online*)



### GATHERING

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#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*You are invited to fill a bowl with water and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. You may respond by reading the text in **bold**.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.

**Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning you created us in your image  
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

**In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,  
and you gave us water from the rock.**

When we did not know the way,  
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

**At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,  
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.**

We praise you for your salvation through water,  
for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere.

**Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verses 1-2)*

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

## WORD

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[Click here for the full text of this Sunday's readings](#)

PSALM

*Psalm 118*

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,**

**"God's mercy endures 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 punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over 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 righteous may enter."

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

The stone that the builders 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.

GOSPEL                      *Matthew 28:1-10*

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Christ.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

SERMON

HYMN                                      *Be Not Afraid*

[Click here for a recording of this hymn from the London Fox Taize Choir.](#)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dear members of God's family: on this Easter Day marked by both sorrow and joy, our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need include both heartfelt lament and fervent praise. The response to each prayer of mercy will be, "Your mercy endures forever" and the response to each acclamation of praise will be, "Alleluia! Thanks be to God."

*A brief silence.*

God our Sanctuary, we lament that we cannot gather today for public worship, that death stalks the church, and that our sorrows and fears blunt our songs of Alleluia. . .

*A brief silence.*

Show the church your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet around the globe we praise you for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, for our baptismal washing in his life, for your presence come to us in the word, and for the hope the gospel brings. . .

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for the church: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Creator, we lament that our lifestyles have harmed your creation and that our efforts to repair your earth are now postponed. . .

*A brief silence.*

Show the earth your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet we praise you for the beauty of the natural world, for springtime flowers and budding trees, for the soil and rain that nourish the crops. . .

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for the earth: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Governor, we lament that war and violence still rage, that countless people suffer injustice, that the plight of refugees seems beyond solution, that appropriate governmental action is delayed and inadequate. . .

*A brief silence.*

Show the world your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet we praise you that there is peace on our streets, that community leaders and aid agencies are devoting themselves to save the people and to share our food, and that we are given connection to friends and family through technology. . .

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for community: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Physician, we lament all who suffer, those we name here before you (especially. . .) but especially we lament the coronavirus and its incalculable suffering, the many thousands sick, the fear instilled, the loss of employment, the cancelation of plans, the overflow in hospitals, the scarcity of supplies, the exhaustion of medical staff. . .

*A brief silence.*

Show all the needy your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet we praise you for health and well-being wherever it thrives, for the dedication of medical workers, for the goodwill of volunteers, for the generosity of benefactors, and for the comfort we receive from the power of the resurrection. . .

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for healing: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God, our Everlasting Arms, mother us in our heartache and distress, receive now our personal laments, and help each of us to praise your name.

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for hearing my prayers: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God our Life Eternal, we lament the thousands dead and the sadness of all who mourn, and we remember before you all who have died in the faith. . .

*A brief silence.*

Show to all humanity your mercy: **Your mercy endures forever.**

And yet here we join in our Alleluias, and we praise you on this Easter Day for your promise of an endless banquet of joyous life in your presence, when disease and sorrow will be no more.

*A brief silence.*

In life and death we praise you: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who are Source of life, Word of salvation, and Power of mercy, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your compassionate might, for the sake of him who lived, died, and rose for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

PEACE

## THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING

*In these uncertain times, the world needs our witness  
to the Risen Christ more than ever.*

*Since we will not physically gather for a while, please remember that it is because of your faithful generosity that this congregation is able to continue to carry out its ministry of sharing God's love with our community. This ministry is our shared ministry, together! We encourage you, as you (and your family) are able, to mail your offerings to the church office or give online at [christusvictor.com/giving](http://christusvictor.com/giving).  
Thank you for anything you can do!*

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance,  
just as you do with our lives.  
Even in separation, nourish us  
for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.  
**Amen.**

## LITANY

Christ, you are risen from the dead.

**We are risen with you.**

May our life never deny  
this eternal life,

**this peace and hope and joy.**

Praise and glory to the God of life

**who is stronger than all kinds of death. Alleluia.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SENDING

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### HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today (verses 3-4)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

# Be Not Afraid



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



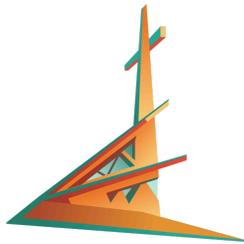
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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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