

Greetings on Easter!

Churches everywhere are embracing new ways to come together in worship and reach out to others in this time of change and crisis. West Kish has chosen to expand its Facebook content and connections, initiate a collaborative event on the front lawn - symbolically bringing all together in the Easter Spirit. Another member of the congregation, Ted Carothers, who for many years has provided a Mother's day luncheon has put on the chef's apron to bring Easter dinner to over 50 widowed or isolated members of the West Kish and St. Johns congregations and the community. Members of both churches will be helping with delivery.

St. John's has been active in making connections through their Good Shepherd's list, pursuing ways to assist Day Care families and staff, and has signed up for a Sunday morning radio service broadcast spot. So West Kish will be preparing Easter meals to those in need in our pastorate (if you haven't received a call and would like a dinner give the SJ or WK office a call,) while St. Johns will be sponsoring a worship opportunity for all. See information below on how to access the broadcasts. I hope our congregations will continue to find ways to honor our worship preferences while reaching out to encourage and support each other, join together in worship by radio and collaborate to offer mission to those in need in our community and our world. Pastor Ela

Bible Readings for today:

Only the Gospel lesson will be read in today's broadcast. Rev. Miller will be speaking on the alternate Gospel text in our Celebrate, John 20:1-18 which is printed in our bulletin.

Please read the other lessons from your celebrate before tuning in. Celebrate readings ~ Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118 and Colossians 3:1-4

TUNE IN!

Sunday Morning Broadcasts 10:30AM beginning on EASTER

Easter morning at 10:30 AM **tune into AM 670 or FM 92.9 for a special *Service of the Resurrection of Our Lord*** in the Lutheran Tradition led by Rev. Ela J. Robertson. It will feature two special guests from the leadership of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Bishop Barb Collins will lead confession and Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Craig Miller will offer the Easter message. Our organist and trumpeter will be our own John Haubrick, senior (in exile) at Lewistown High School, and special music on Celtic whistle will be offered by Bill Cullingford.

The service may also be streamed on your phone or computer at biglewie.com. Be sure to scroll down to bottom to the arrow to 'Listen'

Easter Bell Ringing

Make a loud sound unto the Lord!

Churches in our Big Valley Ministerium and across the nations have declared, though the churches are empty, the bells will ring, horns will sound proclaiming '*He is Risen!*' on Easter morning. We thank Joe Kanagy at St. John's who took it upon himself to make sure the bells of St. Johns rang on Palm Sunday. We look forward to the Valley filled with music on Easter (or cacophony let's see which - the Mennonite ministers said for them it might be car horns!) If you have bells at home ring them too. 10:00AM and 11:00AM are the target times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO SERVICES: St. Johns is sponsoring 10:30AM worship broadcasts on Radio WLUI for four Sundays. All are invited to tune in:

April 12 ~ Easter Sunday

April 19 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Special music: Mike Bratt, Guitar

April 26 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 3 ~ 4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday

FACEBOOK ~ West Kish is sponsoring ongoing connections, surprises and sermons on Facebook. All are invited to log in any time and much will be shared with the St. John's Facebook page.

A special 'chapel' group for sharing prayer requests, encouragement and concerns is maintained on the West Kish Facebook site for those who choose to join and is inaccessible to the general public. Let Lisa Maclay know if you would like to join this prayer group.

Pastor Ela will be trying to take days off on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, and probably Friday and Saturdays for the weeks when we are broadcasting on radio.

The bulletin cover photo is a copy of the oil painting "Easter Morning" which was painted by Ida Beidman in 1910, and is displayed in our sanctuary above the altar.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
April 12, 2020

P: Pastor
Bp: Bishop
C: Congregation

WELCOME

Welcome, as we reach out to everyone at home today with this Easter service celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. Congregants from St. John's Lutheran and West Kish Presbyterian in Belleville are invited to follow along with their bulletin which for other listeners is also posted at West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church facebook page. Our service follows a Lutheran Liturgy including some parts of the communion service heard only on Easter. Although we are not offering communion via radio I am glad we can all join together as community through this broadcast and streamed service.

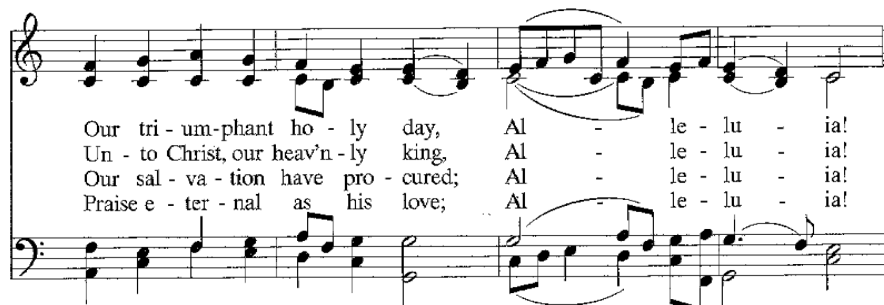
We are blessed as we never could have been before Covid to have both the Bishop of the Lutheran Synod and the Assistant to the Bishop participating in our Easter Service. Let us proclaim with trumpet and song. Hallelujah. Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen indeed!

Please note ~ the Celebrate can be found after the bulletin

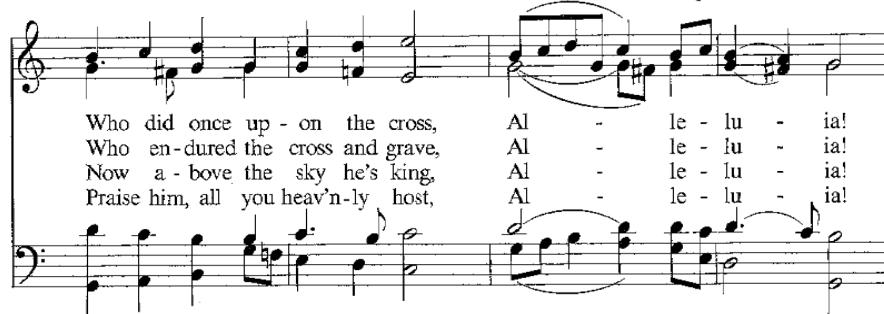
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



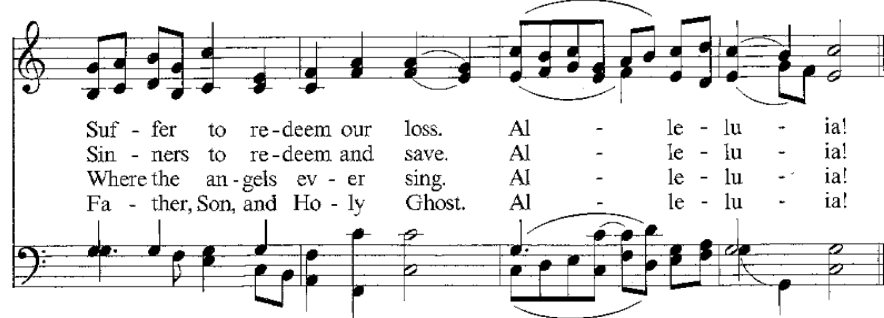
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - Bishop Barb Collins

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

The word of the cross is the wisdom of God to those who are saved. Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment over the presence of any wisdom at all in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. It seems as though evil triumphed in this wretched deed.

C: Yet, when we know the outcome of the crucifixion, we realize that it was an act of powerful and sacrificial love, and that in the end, good did triumph over evil, life defeated death.

Bp: And so, forgive us, O God, when we become so influenced by the wisdom of the world that we demand signs and seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence.

C: Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness.

Bp: Forgive our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith.

Silent reflection on these words

C: Have mercy on us, O God, and strengthen us to do your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Bp: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Jesus Christ became for us righteousness, and holiness and redemption. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God.

KYRIE

P: Kyrie Eleison **C Lord Have Mercy**
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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Celebrate insert*LESSONS and PSALM *Celebrate insert*

(you are encouraged to read these in your celebrate before the service)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.*

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

(after the reading)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE ~ Rev. Rev. Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop, Upper Susquehanna Synod. A brief message of resurrection hope while we maintain our distance one from another.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

In John's telling of the resurrection the only person to come to the tomb that morning was Mary, called the Magdalene. Perhaps she had company, but John records only her name.

Coming early on that Sunday morning, before the sun had risen, she confronts a most bewildering sight: The stone that covered the opening to the cave in which Jesus was buried had been rolled away. Running to find the disciples she reports this news, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb"...

Notice her assumption: "They have taken the Lord..." As of yet she had not looked to see; she just knew.

When confronted by uncertainty it is natural for us to try to understand.

What is happening? What should I do?

We want answers! And when those answers do not come, we make assumptions with our limited knowledge. We just know.

What are some of the assumptions you have made these last few months?

The virus won't be so bad – it's like the flu or a common cold.

It won't affect us here; it's only in the cities.

I'm healthy. I don't need to worry or take any precautions.

This will be bad and I'm going to get sick, even die.

Experts will protect us.

Experts don't know how to protect us.

I don't need to wear a mask.

These and other assumptions are our way of gaining a sense of control over what we do not understand. In the same way we make assumptions about other peoples, races, nationalities, and more.

We are in an anxious time, a time of great uncertainty; but we cannot let our assumptions get in the way of the truth. Yet this is what we do.

After she alerted the disciples to the empty tomb, Mary returned with Peter and another disciple. The disciples confirmed her suspicion – the tomb indeed was empty – but they did not confirm her assumption. Indeed, one disciple, we are told, believed that Jesus had been raised. It seems, however, that he failed to tell Mary.

After the two disciples left, Mary lingered at the tomb, long enough to see the angels; and still she could not truly see. Once again, she says, “They have taken away my Lord.” And even when Jesus himself stood before her and spoke to her she could not see. “Sir”, she says, “if you have carried him away...” Only when Jesus says her name does Mary begin to understand the truth. Jesus’ speaking her name finally breaks down her assumptions, breaks through her anxiety and fear, and opens her to see.

Jesus speaks to Mary in that place of death and shows her life, his life and hers. My friends, Jesus is speaking to you today, in the midst of uncertainty, in the midst of fear and anxiety. He speaks your name. He calls out to you:

“My beloved child, my brother, my sister; my friend, you are joined to me in death so that in me you may live. You assumed death was final, but I have trampled down death. You assumed evil has power over you, but I have conquered evil.”

Jesus has won the victory over the grave but, more than that, Jesus has defeated our assumptions and replaced them with truth, the truth that by clinging to his death on the cross we gain life, and by loving our neighbor we live that life now. Oh, what joy we have when we hear our name spoken by Jesus as he gives us his body and blood; when he says “This is given for YOU!”

Although we cannot partake in that meal while we maintain our distance from one another, the Holy Week just past reminds us that Jesus has indeed given himself for us, his body broken and blood poured out on the cross.

Christ is risen and death is overcome by death. Christ is risen and sins are forgiven.

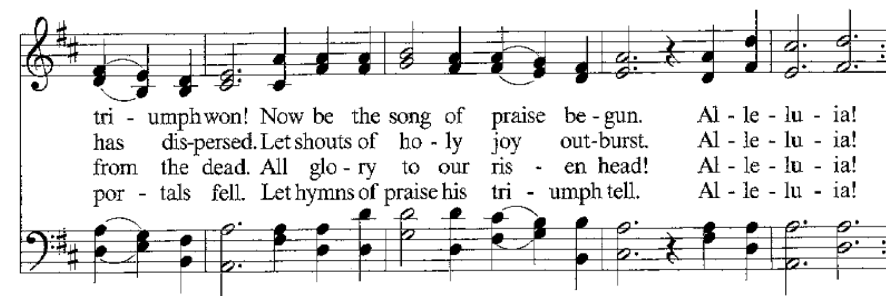
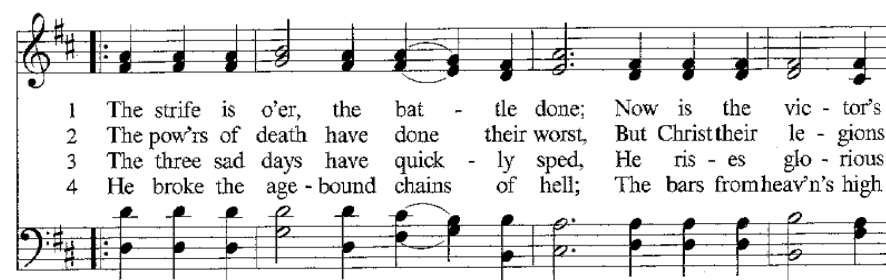
Christ is risen and our assumptions are exposed to the true light of God’s love. Christ is risen and our joy is made complete in his eternal life.

In this current climate of anxiety and fear, we can speak the word of truth: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Praise be to God! Alleluia!

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

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- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death's sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you.
Alleluia!

NICENE CREED - Proclaiming our Faith

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

OFFERTORY (you may submit your offering my mail or drop it off at the church.)

EASTER PREFACE (sung)

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord holy Father almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the resurrection of our Lord for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed Death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures and with angels, and archangels, and cherubim and seraphim we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYERS of the CHURCH ~ see *celebrate insert*

P: Let us pray together:

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 those in need. We pray especially all those battling Covid-19 and for the families of all those whose loved ones show up on the rising tally of cases and deaths in this worldwide pandemic. Remember they are people, not just statistics, people needing hope and comfort, and a return to good health.

We pray for those who are on the front line of this crisis in hospitals, nursing homes, grocery stores and other life sustaining businesses and all those suffering sudden unemployment and insecurity about the future. We pray for families under emotional and financial stress and children home from school that they may learn and thrive and know the love of their families and that will be kept safe from harm. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; We ask this in the name of Jesus, our constant companion who taught us to pray-

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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 today our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses (debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us (debtors); 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.

BENEDICTION

P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

P: May God, who fills creation with abundance; Christ, with arms spread in forgiveness; Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us and draws us near to each other, bless you and bring you life everlasting. **Amen.**

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 Where thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

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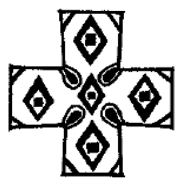
Please remember in prayer ~ Audrey Michael, Sally Shingler, Donna Snook, (sisters of Lucy Magda and Nancy Aumiller, they are all, including Nancy dealing with health concerns) , Kim Aumiller, Ev Young, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Carol Yoder, Diddy Cleck, Betty Smith, Nancy Aumiller and Larry Walter (VVH).

Church office hours will be 8:00am – 1:00pm Monday's and Thursday's until we can open our doors again.

For those of you who would like to continue blessing the church with your tithe, it can be mailed to P.O. Box 5716 or place it in the mail slot found in the side door leading into the coatroom area off the narthex.

FREE LUNCHES for SCHOOL KIDS ~ Maple Grove is currently a host site for the meals that the Mifflin County School District is providing for school children while they are off from school. Children are to be age K-18. However, we have been told if a family comes with K-18 age children and also have younger children, we are to give to all the children. **These are to be Mifflin County School kids** as it is this district that is providing this. Meals will be distributed from 12 – 12:30 each afternoon at the church. They are bagged lunches that students would typically receive if they went on a field trip. (There will be no meals Friday, April 10, as there was to be no school this day.)

Meals will begin again Monday, April 13. So if you know of any children who could benefit from this, please have them call Alan Kauffman at 717-935-9965 one day ahead, so we can make sure we have enough meals for them. This program will only extend for as long as school would have been in session.



Celebrate

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day
April 12, 2020

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Prophecy of the Day

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. **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."

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are

witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

or Jeremiah 31:1-6 [not printed]

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; refrain, Ps. 118:24



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

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

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

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. **R**

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

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. **R**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for

you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

or Acts 10:34-43 [see p. 1]

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he

said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

or John 20:1-18 [not printed]

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders (*especially*). Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Monday Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24. **Tuesday** Colossians 3:12-17. **Wednesday** Matthew 28:1-10. **Thursday** Psalm 16. **Friday** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. **Saturday** Song of Solomon 8:6-7. **Second Sunday of Easter** (commemoration of Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church) Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

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