

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

Unveiling of the Cross

The Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #821 ss 1-5

[Sing to the tune *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*]

1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood!"

2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now:

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days
were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise, 'I am with you evermore'?

3 Alleluia! bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay:

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your
throne:

As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high
priest;

Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hear the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

'Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood!'

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

The Introit of the Day

EX. 15:1b, 2a, 6, 13, 17-18

Pastor: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed
gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown
into the sea.

CONG: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has
become my salvation;

Pastor: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your
right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

CONG: "You have led in your steadfast love the people
whom you have redeemed; you have guided
them by your strength to your holy abode.

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on your
own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you
have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O
Lord, which your hands have established.

CONG: The Lord will reign forever and ever."

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

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gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown
into the sea.

The Confession

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as

ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” 457 ss. 1-4

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Pastor:

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 25:6-9

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Choir: “O Sing Unto the Lord” Ps. 98

1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

2 The LORD hath made known his salvation his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together.

9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Epistle: I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Pastor: _____ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

CONG: and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

Pastor: For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

CONG: that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

Pastor: and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

CONG: Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Pastor: Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

CONG: Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Pastor: For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

CONG: But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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.

Pastor: Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The Holy Gospel: ST. MARK 16:1-8

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting

on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon Hymn: 490 ss 1-5 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!

The Sermon: "This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made!"

Mark 16:1-8; Psalm 118:23, 24

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 467 ss 1-7

"Awake My Heart with Gladness"

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--
What peace it doth impart!
Now nothing ever saddens
The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake,
No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son
In love for me hath won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,
Of all their pow'r are shorn;
Now I am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn.
Grim death with all his might
Cannot my soul affright;
It is a pow'rless form,
Howe'er it rave and storm.

5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

Confession of Faith - *The Formula of Concord* Concerning Original Sin

We believe, teach, and confess that original sin is not a slight corruption of human nature, but that it is so deep a corruption that nothing sound or uncorrupted has survived in man's body or soul, in his inward or outward powers. It is as the church sings, "Through Adam's fall man's nature and essence are all corrupt."

This damage is so unspeakable that it may not be recognized by a rational process, but only from God's word.

No one except God alone can separate the corruption of our nature from the nature itself. This will take place wholly by way of death in the resurrection. Then the nature which we now bear will arise and live forever, without original sin and completely separated and removed from it, as Job 19:26 & 27 asserts, "*I shall be covered by this my skin, and in my flesh I shall see God; him I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold him.*"

The Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The Choir: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" 461 ss 1-8
1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my redeemer lives!

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG sing.. Amen.