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Worship Times

Sunday 10:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm



Pastor

Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



April 9, 2023
The Resurrection of
Our Lord: Easter Day

Gathering

✠INTRODUCTION

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.

✠THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C **Amen.**

✠GATHERING HYMN – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW #365)

✠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.**

✠ GLORY TO GOD– (ELW p. 204, Setting Ten)



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

Word

✘ **FIRST LESSON – Acts 10:34-43**

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✘ **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

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

²³**This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

✘ **SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✘ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Be Not Afraid (ELW #388)**

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

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✠ GOSPEL – Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C O Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

✠ CHILDREN’S SERMON

✠ SERMON

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY – I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (ELW #619) verses 1 - 4

✠ APOSTLES’ CREED (ELW p. 105)

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

✠ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

✠ OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world. After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward. Please stand, as you are able.

✠ OFFERING PRAYER

A Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Meal

✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✘ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life...: Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us.... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones... O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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.

✠ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

✠ COMMUNION HYMN – Now We Join in Celebration (ELW #462)

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✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

✠ BLESSING

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SENDING HYMN – I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (ELW #619) verses 5 - 8

✠ DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Monthly Bible Study



Monthly Bible Study will meet on **Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us. We will continue our study of the Ten Commandments. Bring a friend and your Bible. Contact Hattie at hattie.hammer@sbcglobal.net or call 972-637-3191 for more information or a ride.

Giving to Grand Prairie Food and Clothing Co-op

Thanks to ALL of you who contributed to the Lenten food drive by bringing dozens of cans of green peas! Sheets and towels (any size) head up their current list. During the March monthly meeting, it became clear that the biggest need the Co-op has this spring is for volunteers to help sort and hang up donated clothing. Any amount of time donated is welcome! The Co-Op is open 9-11am, Tuesday through Friday. The address is 118 NE 4th Street, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. Phone is 972-264-8540.

Online Services

Sunday services will be live streamed on Facebook and posted to YouTube and our website the next day.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemerLutheranGP/>

YouTube: <https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC55fFOePGIBoSwOF8c8FZLQ>

Website: <https://www.ourredeemergp.org/recorded-services.html>

Things to Know

Prayer Cards – We have prayer cards available in the Narthex. Please fill one (or more) out with any special prayer requests.

Office Hours – Office hours this week are Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 5 pm, and Wednesday from 3 pm to 6 pm. John will be working from home on Monday. To call the office if you need anything - (972-642-5683). You can also call John at 972-345-5530, or email john.zacharias19@gmail.com

✠SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias
Altar Care:	Kris Davies and Nina Martinez
Assisting Minister:	Renee Swanjord
Lay Reader:	Jeff Adix
Usher:	Jeff Adix
Videographer:	Gene Davies
Communion Cup Holder:	Kyle Bennett

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