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Easter – What Are You Hoping to Find at the Tomb?

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

SUNDAY, APR. 12, 2020

We are pleased to welcome you to Easter worship this morning. We rejoice that the tomb is empty and Jesus has been raised from death to life. We've been reading through the Gospel of Mark this winter and spring, so our Easter story comes from Mark.

Easter in Mark has just as many questions as answers. The Risen Christ does not make an appearance. The women leave the tomb in fear and silence, not sure of what to do next. In a strange sort of way, as we deal with the fear and uncertainty of COVID-19 and the world in which we are living, perhaps Mark's story of Easter will speak to us in a new way. We're listening. We need Easter now more than ever!

PRELUDE

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

ROBERT A. HOBBY

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: May the darkness of our hearts and minds, our church and world be dispelled by the light of Christ who rises this day in glory.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

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!

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!

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!

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

GREETING

L: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of Easter,

C: with Mary Magdalene and the others Mary we come to the tomb with plenty of sadness and grief. Our world has gotten turned upside down. We're not sure what to expect from Easter in a Friday kind of world. Help us to trust you, even in the midst of our doubts and fears. Help us to believe that Easter is true, and it's true for us. In the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

please stand for the reading of the Easter gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

TRADITIONAL CARIBBEAN

sing before and after the songleader sings the verse

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 16:1-8 NRSV

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

you may be seated

SERMON

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO FIND AT THE TOMB?

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

HYMN

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

JANETTE REEVES, VOLCALIST

Was it a morning like this?
 When the sun still hid from Jerusalem, and Mary rose from her bed
 To tend to the Lord she thought was dead?

Was it a morning like this?
 When Mary walked down from Jerusalem and two angels stood at the tomb,
 bearers of news she would hear soon?

Refrain:

Did the grass sing? Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?
 Over and over like a trumpet underground did the earth seem to pound,
 "He is risen!"
 Over and over in a never-ending round, "He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah!"

Was it a morning like this?
 When Peter and John ran from Jerusalem, and as they raced towards the tomb beneath
 their feet was there a tune? *Refrain*

Was it a morning like this?
 When my Lord looked out on Jerusalem, He is risen.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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PRAYERS

L: 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.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into
 your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us when you come into 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.**

BLESSING

L: 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

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!

He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

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.

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.

ANTHEM

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (FROM *MESSIAH*)

G.F. HANDEL

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR AND CONGREGATION (RECORDED EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019)

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA ON GAUDEAMUS PARITER (COME YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN) ARR. JAMES BIERY

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADERS**-Jason Bryan-Wegner, Shelley Cunningham;
ORGANIST-Kristy Giere; **SOLOIST**-Janette Reeves; **LITURGICAL DANCERS**-Ann Holmes, Sara Holmes

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In memory of Tony Tschida, Sr., given by Sandy Tschida

In memory of Rev. Dr. Dennis Napton, given by Beth and Darin Napton

In memory of Mary Wolf-Ludvig and Don Wolf, given by Connie and Kent Dalzell

In memory/honor of our family, given by Sharryn and Tim Melin

In memory of husband Ken and our parents, given by Eleanor Christeson

Prayers for Healing:

Donna Hanson

Ardis Witte

Sympathy to:

Bob Sharp and Rebecca (Paul) Lindell on the death of their wife/mother, Judeann Sharp.

Karin Larson-Purves on the death of her husband, Ray.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by:

Judy and David Clayton and family in memory of Jeannine Clayton.



Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.

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