

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 10:45am



As We Gather – “The Risen Body of Christ”

Welcome to this Easter Festival Worship Service! We are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is risen from the grave. During our Midweek and Holy Week services we have been hearing about the various ways Jesus proclaimed the Good News with His mouth, served with His hands and feet, and suffered for all of our sins. Today, we will hear more about the risen body of Christ and what we are called to do and say!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** The feet of Christ which had walked the dusty roads of Galilee lay pierced in the darkened tomb.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The hands of Christ that had reached out to touch the sick and the lame to heal them and to hold the children to bless them, were folded quietly on his breast.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The mouth of Christ, which had proclaimed the words of eternal life, was silenced and still.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The eyes of Christ, which could see both the suffering of people and the glory of God, were closed in death.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The ears of Christ, which had heard the cries of the poor and suffering, were deaf to the sounds of the night.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The heart of Christ, filled with love and compassion, lay empty and lifeless in his chest.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The blood of Christ, shed for the sins of the world, stained the linen cloth which wrapped him and bound him.
- C** **Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.**
- P** The body of Christ given as the true bread from heaven, which had been scourged and nailed to a cross, lay broken on the cold hard stone.

C Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

P The body of Christ -- given for you.

C He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have often despaired and not lived as your risen people. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God is gracious and merciful, and desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE, "King of Kings"

OLD TESTAMENT READING, Isaiah 25:6-9

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is

written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL, Matthew 28:5-10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON SONG, "Living Hope"0

SERMON

"The Risen Body of Christ"

Pastor Bob Gehrke

NICENE CREED (*see the screen*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This is a time that we, as a church family return a portion of the financial blessings God has given us. If you are our guests today, please do not feel obligated to participate. We have many ways to give your tithe or offering. You may place your offering in the plate when it is passed, mail it to the church, text to give by texting 84321 with any dollar amount (be sure to select "South Shore"), give online at sstwbl.org/give, or use the Church Center App from your smartphone (available for both Android and iOS). Disciples of Jesus at SST, please fill out an ivory SST Registration card and place in the offering plate.

Guests: If you would like more information regarding South Shore Trinity, please fill out a blue Guest Registration card before and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher before leaving.

OFFERTORY, "Crown Him (Majesty)"

PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

- P** Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.
For the nations of the world, that as you have been raised from the dead, all will find their hope in you, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For your body the church, though we have many members, and all members do not have the same function, that we may be one in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our congregation, that the life and the power of the resurrection will strengthen us to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, welcoming those who are called by your great love, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the sick (especially...), that the love which restored the body of Christ to life may restore them to health, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all who mourn or fear death, that the hope and the promise of the resurrection may give them peace, courage and joy as they see in death the gate to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG, "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord unite you and preserve you in the risen body of Christ.

The Lord strengthen you with the life of the resurrection and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG, "Holy Holy Holy"

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