Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021 (Real Church Virtual & Yellow Wood Media)

Prelude - Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing - BLC Choir



Announcements and Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: The Day of Resurrection!

Verse 1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Verse 2

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

Verse 3

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

Verse 4

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

A: Let us pray together,

C: 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.

Children's Message

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

'Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

P: A reading... C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Paul

Hymn of the Day – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (please see back pages for music)

Apostles Creed

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 / Sign of the Peace

Origins of the Last Supper - A reading from 1st Corinthians / Lord's Prayer

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.

Choral Anthem - Festival Canticle - BLC Choir

Announcements / Final Blessing

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Song: He Is Risen

Verse 1

Early morning break of dawn, stumbling to the tomb, standing awestruck wond'ring who rolled away the stone. And as the sun came up, amazed, they looked inside, and saw an angel clothed in light, "Don't be afraid He is alive!"

Chorus

He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah, Christ is risen, let the whole world sing. Christ is risen, Christ is risen from the dead.

Verse 2

Sing with all creation, sing of a world made new. Endless life we too may live, bursting from the tomb. And looking up we see our King enthroned on high; His wounds of love now glorified; Rejoice, for soon He'll burst the skies.

Chorus

He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah, Christ is risen, let the whole world sing. Christ is risen, Christ is risen from the dead.

Ending

He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah, Christ is risen, let the whole world sing. He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah, Christ is risen, let the whole world sing. Christ is risen Christ is risen from the dead. Christ is risen. He is risen.