

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
I wish a blessed Easter to all of you and your loved ones!
The Easter service follows below. Within the service,
there are links for hymns and the sermon. After the
service, there are links to some other musical pieces you
might listening to in this Easter time and also a brief list of
movies you might consider viewing. God's peace and well-
being be with you all.

Christ is Risen!

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The Resurrection of Our Lord



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. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. In joy we proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG: *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" is a favored hymn associated with Easter written by Charles Wesley in 1739. While its lyrics draw inspiration from a number of Biblical texts, the overall focus of the hymn is drawn from Matthew 28:5-6 where Mary Magdalene and the other Mary are told by an angel of Jesus' resurrection:

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28-5-6).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFjnIBnOK10>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

READINGS (Note all readings are from the NRSV):

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

<https://youtu.be/BE0s7ST38G0>

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence and all those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*a brief silence is kept*). Provide for those

who do not have enough to eat, those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who rely on the generosity of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We continue to pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: CHRIST IS RISEN, HALLELUJAH!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPNjJ6fTup0>

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Here are three additional musical pieces to listen to on this Easter Sunday:

Alleluia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAyYGpInBAw>

Panis Angelicus - Pavarotti

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3EZoDr6kqM>

Call it Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPVLXDuHpi4>

Possible movies to view in this Easter season: *The Gospel of Matthew*, *Risen*, *The Passion*, and *Son of God*.

Sight & Sound Theatres Presents: JESUS

<https://watch.tbn.org/sight-sound-theatres-presents-jesus>

We are praying for the following:

Dawne	Frank	Alice
Jean	Bev	Pat
Robert	John	Sandy
Candy	Mary Ellen	John C.
John Jr.	Dick	Dot
Dennis	Bobby	Carol
Tim	Kathy E.	Jackie
Phyllis	Pat	Alice
Michelle	Carol	Family of Sandy Medford
Cody	Bob	Zion Lutheran Church, Barnegat Light
Ann	Irene	Mary Ellen T.
Lynn	Emit	Maddie
Dot	Jeanette	

