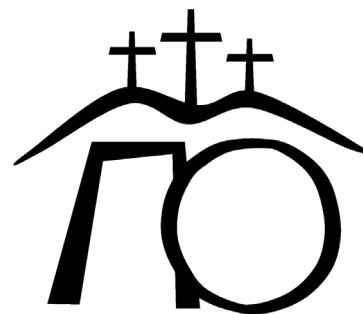


Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter Sunrise (Year C)

A new day has dawned on the creation! Jesus is alive; death was unable to hold him in the grave. God has done a new thing. Each Easter the story of Christ's resurrection from the dead greets us anew. With awe and wonder, we hear the good news of the empty tomb with new ears and full hearts. This event that happened so long ago continues to impact humanity with God's unbreakable promise of new life.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Job 19:23-27

My Redeemer Lives!

Job proclaimed his faith in the one who would rescue him, even in death when his bones and flesh were no more. At the last day, he proclaimed, he would see the Lord in all of His glory. These thoughts Job wanted to inscribe on a rock for posterity.

Psalms 118:15-29

Open the Gates of Righteousness

The Lord valiantly watches over his people. With God on our side, how can we despair of any hardship or suffering? The Lord, even though he offers discipline, does not put an end to our lives. All who come in the name of the Lord are truly blessed by his mercy and tenderness.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Death is Swallowed in Victory

St. Paul assured the Corinthian Christians that their bodies would be raised on the last day, in the twinkling of an eye with a trumpet sounding. There will be no mistake what is happening when the Lord returns. Meanwhile, their labor for the spreading of the Gospel message is not done in vain as Jesus put an end to death forever by the power of his own death and resurrection.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus

When Mary came to Jesus' tomb early in the morning on Sunday, she found that the Lord was no longer there. She ran to tell Peter and another disciple of Jesus, who ran to the tomb to see for themselves. All they found were some linens lying on the floor. After the men went home, Jesus revealed himself to Mary Magdalene.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: White
- Use the Kyrie and the Hymn of Praise in the Easter season.
- Use the Nicene Creed during this festival season.
- For a children's anthem for today, check out "Jesus is Alive" by Pam Noel (CCLI #5095634).
- If your congregation hid the alleluias at the beginning of Lent, be sure to find them again. Talk with children about the joyous word and what it means for us as believers.
- If you need an Easter morning skit, you can find five to choose from on the Seasonal Page of SOWeR. There are Easter lyrics for familiar Christmas carols available there, too.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	210	---	633	362	150	150
The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done	135	---	464	366	---	---
Thine is the Glory	145	---	---	376	161	161
Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds	143	---	465	367	159	159
Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today	151	---	457	365	---	---
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright	154	---	---	384	---	---
In the Garden	---	---	---	---	160	160
Easter Morrow Stills Our Sorrow	---	---	---	---	162	162
Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!	---	674	474	377	---	---
Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing	259	---	924	545	54	54

The hymns suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

Cornerstone
(CCLI# 6158927)
See What a Morning (Res. Hymn)
(CCLI# 4108797)
Love Ran Red
(CCLI# 7017786)
O, Praise The Name (Anastasis)
(CCLI# 7037787)
Grace to Grace
(CCLI# 7057218)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.