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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

8:00 a.m March 31, 2024 10:30 a.m. Autumn Wiechmann Organists Ruth Wiechmann

WELCOME!

MARK 15:42—16:8

Now when [Friday] evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

Now when the Sabbath [Saturday] was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week [Sunday], they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Hymn 198 vv. 1-3 He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus the Lord!

EASTER LITANY (Based on I Corinthians 15:55-57):

P: Father in heaven, we gather with joy in our hearts to hear again the glorious news of our Savior's resurrection and victory over death and the grave. Since the time of Adam, death has ruled all; but through Your Holy Son, death has been conquered. It is defeated, and powerless to hold us!

C: O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?

P: Father, we confess that the cause of death—physical death and eternal death in hell—has been our sins. We have in fact repeatedly broken Your Law, disobeyed Your Will, and violated Your Commands. Your Holy Law has justly pronounced upon us "DEATH" for sin.

C: THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW.

P: Yet, gracious Father, in Your great love for us, You have sent Your Son to assume our flesh and blood, and to serve as our substitute. He, the God-Man, has brought us release. Where we have miserably failed to keep Your Holy Law, He never failed. Where we deserve to be punished, He took the punishment for us on the cross at Calvary. Where we are powerless to rise from the grave, He arose victorious. For His sake, You have granted us pardon, declared us not guilty, and given us the victory of life for the punishment of death!

C: O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Hymn 198 vv. 4 - 5 He's Risen, He's Risen Christ Jesus the Lord!

LUKE 24:9-12 Their Words Seem to Them Like Idle Tales

Hymn 193 vv.1 - 3 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

JOHN 20:11-18 Jesus Said to Her, "Mary."

Hymn 193 vv. 4-6 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LUKE 24:36-47 Peace Be with You!

Hymn 188 vv. 1-4 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

SERMON: COLOSSIANS 1:17-22

CHRIST IS MY HEAD!

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

Hymn 200 vv, 1,3,5,7 I Know that My Redeemer Lives 8:00 a.m. Children v.1 Congregation vv. 3, 5, 7 10:30 a.m. Congregation vv. 1,3,5,7

OFFERING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 200 v. 8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

I CORINTHIANS 15:17-23

P: And if Christ is not risen,

C: Your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

P: Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ

C: Have perished.

P: If in this life only we have hope in Christ,

C: We are of all men the most pitiable.

P: But now Christ is risen from the dead,

C: And has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

P: For since by man came death,

C: By Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

P: For as in Adam all die,

C: Even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

P: But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits,

C: Afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

P: Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father,

C: When He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

P: For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

C: The last enemy that will be destroyed is death!

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Hymn 199 vv. 1 & 4 Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

A BLESSED EASTER!!

EASTER BREAKFAST: Between services this morning. All invited!

THE RESURRECTION: The full truth of what Christ accomplished on the cross on Good Friday is brought home with stunning reality on Easter Sunday morning!

He lives!

The penalty for the world's sins and yours has been paid in full.

The Father does not look with anger upon those clinging to Christ by faith.

You are forgiven

You are safe.

Hell cannot claim you; the grave cannot hold you.

You shall physically rise from death and live forever in heaven!

You are saved!

THE NAME "EASTER": Some Christians maintain that the word "Easter" comes from the name of the ancient Germanic goddess *Oster*, goddess of the dawn or east ("Ost" in German still means east). Oster's festival was observed every spring. The conjecture is that the early German Christians kept the name of the pagan festival when observing the Resurrection of Jesus-*Oster Fest* The name "Easter" is considered a derogatory name for Christ's Resurrection. --- On the other hand, if God has bent the name of a false deity and made it the label for the victory of the Savior over Satan, how amazing!

Interestingly Martin Luther, in his German New Testament, translated the word "Passover" as "Oster"—our English word Easter. We do not know why he called Passover "Oster." Perhaps it was that on the night of the first Passover, the Israelites received their freedom from Egypt's slavery and entered the dawn, the "east," the new day, of freedom. They were headed to the Promised Land! "Dawn," "New Day" "East Festival" is exactly what Jesus' Resurrection is! He rose from the grave of sin and death and entered into the "dawn," the "new day" of glory. His rising means the same for us. Through Him we have a new spiritual life already now; we are forgiven! On the last day we shall rise to the new physical life for Heaven! Indeed, a New Day, a Dawn Day, an East-er!