# St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio Online Worship Service for April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

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### **Prelude**

# **Call to Worship**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Yes! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Death has no victory,

C: Our victory is with Jesus!

P: He is the resurrection and the life

C: Life is ours because He lives.

P: The stone is rolled away,

C: The tomb is empty.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Yes, He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: We worship as the people of God in the name of the Father, Son  $\oplus$  and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen!

# Gathering Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Hymn 365 vv. 1 & 4

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia! Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## **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!

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen!

## John 20:1-10 The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

# Message

Hymn of the Day "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" Hymn 619 vv. 1 & 4 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who

once was dead; he lives, my everliving head!

He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my

troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

# **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**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

# C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

#### Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## Offering

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- o Electronically. Go to My Offering or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10

# Offertory

# **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

# Blessing

P: In worship God has filled us with his love and grace.

C: We will now bring God's love and grace to the world!

- P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, Son ⊕ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

#### Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Yes! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" Hymn 369 v. 1 & 2

Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia! offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia! sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen on high; Alleulia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleulia!

# Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Postlude**