

EASTER SUNDAY

Can You
Believe It

PASTOR RICHARD ELSEROAD

APRIL, 12TH 2020

**Video Worship
Service**

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Up from the Grave He Arose

Deborah Cable , Organ

WELCOME

The INVOCATION
and
RESPONSIVE READING

*Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the
+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Pastor: The stone has been rolled away!
Alleluia!*

**People: The crucified is risen!
Alleluia!**

Pastor: Death, be not proud. Death, you shall die!

People: For Christ is risen!

Pastor: He has destroyed the shroud that enfolds all peoples!

People: He has swallowed up the sheet that covers all nations!

Pastor: He wipes away the tears from our faces.

People: He removes the disgrace of His people.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457, vv. 1-2, 4

Deborah Cable, organ

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss,
Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly
King, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save,
Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host,
Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost, Alleluia!**

CONFESSIO

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this holy morning we have gathered to honor and celebrate the resurrection of the Son of God from the dead. It was for our sins that He died,

People: and it was to give us the gifts of forgiveness and new life that He was raised to life again.

Pastor: Yet we confess that we have not always lived in that new life as we ought to live.

People: We have turned away from God in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our actions.

*Pastor: We have not loved God with all our
being,*

**People: and we have not loved our
neighbor as ourselves.**

*Pastor: We have responded to the call of our
sinful nature*

People: and the temptations of Satan.

*Pastor: In repentance we come before God
in confession.*

(Quiet moments for personal prayer and confession.)

Pastor: Risen Lord and Savior,

People: Forgive us for our doubts and fears. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have had more to do with the things that lead to death than those that lead to life.

**Our own selfish concerns have
prevented us from living in the
power of Your resurrection.
Forgive us, Lord Jesus.**

FORGIVENESS

HYMN

O Worship the King

v.v.1-3

John & Carrie Cleland, Guitar

**O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light
and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm**

**You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders, what tongue
can recite?
You breathe in the air, You shine in the
light**

**O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer,
and Friend**

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RESPONSIVE READING

from John 1, Psalm 18, 1 Peter 1, Romans 4

*Pastor: In Him was life, and that life was the light
of all mankind.*

**People: The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.**

*Pastor: I called to the Lord, who is worthy of
praise,*

**People: and I have been saved from
my enemies. I love you,
Lord, my strength.**

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me;

**People: The cords of the grave
coiled around me.**

Pastor: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,

People: but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Pastor: He was delivered over to death for our sins

**People: and was raised to life for our
justification. I love you, Lord,
my strength.**

*Pastor: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my
deliverer;*

**People: my God is my rock, in whom I
take refuge,**

Pastor: My shield and the horn of my salvation,

**People: He is my stronghold, my
refuge and my savior.**

Pastor: I called to the Lord,

**People: who is worthy of praise, I love
you, Lord, my strength.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In The Garden
Deborah Cable, Piano

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

The HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461, vv. 1-2,8

Deborah Cable, Organ

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives!**

**He lives, He lives, who once was
dead;**

He lives, my ever living Head.


**He lives triumphant from the
grave;**

**He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives, all glory to His Name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence
gives:
"I know, that my Redeemer lives!"**

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A decorative arrangement of stylized birds in shades of blue and teal, scattered around the main title text.

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EASTER STATEMENT OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, who sent
His Son as my Savior to arise Easter
morning.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on
Good Friday, rose again on Easter
morning to free me from the curse of
sin and the sting of death and the
power of the devil;**

I believe in the Holy Ghost, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Easter, and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of my Resurrected Lord. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE PRAYERS

The LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, which 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Deborah Cable, Organ

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my Light, my strength, my
song.**

**This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.**

**What heights of love! What depths
of peace,
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save**

**'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.**

**And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, Bought
with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.**

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

LSB 805

**Praise God from whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Tocatta

arr. Charles-Marie Widor

Deborah Cable, Organ