

Readings and Prayers for Sunday April 12, 2020

Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Readings and Psalm

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Questions to ponder: The women, the first witnesses of the resurrection “left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy.” (v8) New life in Christ can be both fearful and joyful at the same time. What does new life in Christ mean to you? Do you have a story of new life in Christ from your experiences? You may share it with great joy.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)*

Prayer

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. We rejoice with Christians all over the world today and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We pray for friends who stay awake at night, and those who wake up early. We lift all our concerns, disappointments, and anxiety into your care. *Pray for love, peace, comfort and resurrection hope for the family and friends of Dave Lartz. May your mercy embrace them.* We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymns

-Thine Is the Glory (ELW# 376)

-Jesus Christ Bread of Life (ELW# 472)

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise us to new life, fill us with hope, and turn our mourning into dancing, today and every day. Amen.

Prayer concerns: Cemetery caretakers, Morticians and funeral home staff, and those who are caring for the dying



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Isaiah proclaims the great feast to come, when God will swallow up death forever. Paul invites us to celebrate the paschal feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The Easter evening gospel tells of the risen Christ being made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Our hearts burn within us as the hope of the resurrection is proclaimed in our midst and as Jesus appears to us at the holy table.

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 114

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Luke 24:13-49

Questions to ponder: The risen Christ met the disciples on the road. Do you have a similar experience that Christ showed up in an unexpected place? Where was it? How did Christ reveal himself to you?

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scripture. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)*

Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work. We pray for those who are working tonight, especially hospital workers, security guards, emergency medical staff, care facility staff, shelter volunteers, and home caregivers. We pray through the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

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Prayer concerns: those who are away from home

