

EASTER CELEBRATION COMMUNION SERVICE
April 22, 2020

Easter Celebration Communion Service – 9:30 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church, Millersburg, Ohio
Pastor Jeffrey Scott

GATHERING MUSIC organ

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today LBW Pg. 151

CALL TO WORSHIP

EXHORTATION AND CONFESSION

P = Presiding Pastor, **C = Congregation**

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed: Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us a little child, one of us,
flesh and blood to share in our humanity
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as carpenter
and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as fisherman
and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as teacher
and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer
and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest and
king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant
and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for human kind
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner's
death
to the triumph of a Savior's resurrection
For God so loved the world

ALL: That all might have eternal life

P - God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
for the sake of me
and you
and other sinners too
God so loved the world
Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer

Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Confession and Forgiveness

P - We serve a risen Savior yet live as if in chains.

ALL: Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrection life.

Forgive us that we fail to show through word and action the truth that you loved us into your kingdom through the glorious mystery of the Cross.

Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving our full potential. Draw us close.

Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us. That your name might be glorified through our lives.

AMEN

P - God of resurrection of life and death rebirth

All: Renew our hearts and minds

P - God of promise of all beginnings and all endings

All: Renew our hearts and minds

P - God of hope of new growth and harvest

All: Renew our hearts and minds

Affirmation

Your light is the only light we need
as we travel through life's mystery
Your word the only voice we hear
that still small voice that leads us
to the place where we should be
Your presence is the only company we need
as we walk this narrow road
Your fellowship the warmth we crave
to help us on our way

May the truth of Easter

The joy of Easter

And the blessings of Easter

Be with us this day and forevermore.

AMEN

1st Lesson Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 - The Resurrection

Words from Corrie Ten Boom:

"The blood of Jesus Christ has great power! There is perhaps not a phrase in the Bible that is so full of secret truth as is "The blood of Jesus." It is the secret of His incarnation, when Jesus took on flesh and blood; the secret of His obedience unto death, when He gave His life at the cross of Calvary; the secret of His love that went beyond all understanding when He bought us with His blood."

GOSPEL, WITH ACCLAMATIONS**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

Glory to you O Lord (Sung)

Praise to you O Christ (Sung)

SERMON *“God still moves stones”*

Pastor Jeffrey Scott

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***NICENE CREED**

P The ancient Israelites were delivered from Egypt through the waters of the sea, God delivered us from sin through the waters of our Baptism. With joy we proclaim the Faith and declare ourselves the people of God, by using together the words of the Nicene Creed:

C We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father,
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead,
And His kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church
We acknowledge on Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen

+ + + WE GATHER AROUND THE LORD'S TABLE + + +***PRAYER**

P God of Light and word, water and life,

C as we come to your table, receive us and these gifts in thanksgiving for the resurrection and the life, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord;

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you (Sung)

P Lift up you hearts

C We lift them to the Lord (Sung)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord

C It is right to give thanks and praise (Sung)

PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

(LBW pg. 69)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho – san – na. Ho –
San – na. Ho – san – na in the high – est. Bless-ed is he who
Come in the name of the lord. Ho – san – na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

****LORDS PRAYER**

C AMEN

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All (WOV)

+ + + WE ARE SENT IN TO GOD'S WORLD + + +

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P We give you thanks, almighty God,
That you have brought us from darkness to light,
From slavery to freedom, from death to rebirth,
Transform our lives with this heavenly good,
That we may shine with your love
And take to the world the risen life of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord

C AMEN

***BENEDICTION**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C AMEN

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE - Christ is Risen ! Alleluia!**

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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ

C Thanks be to God !