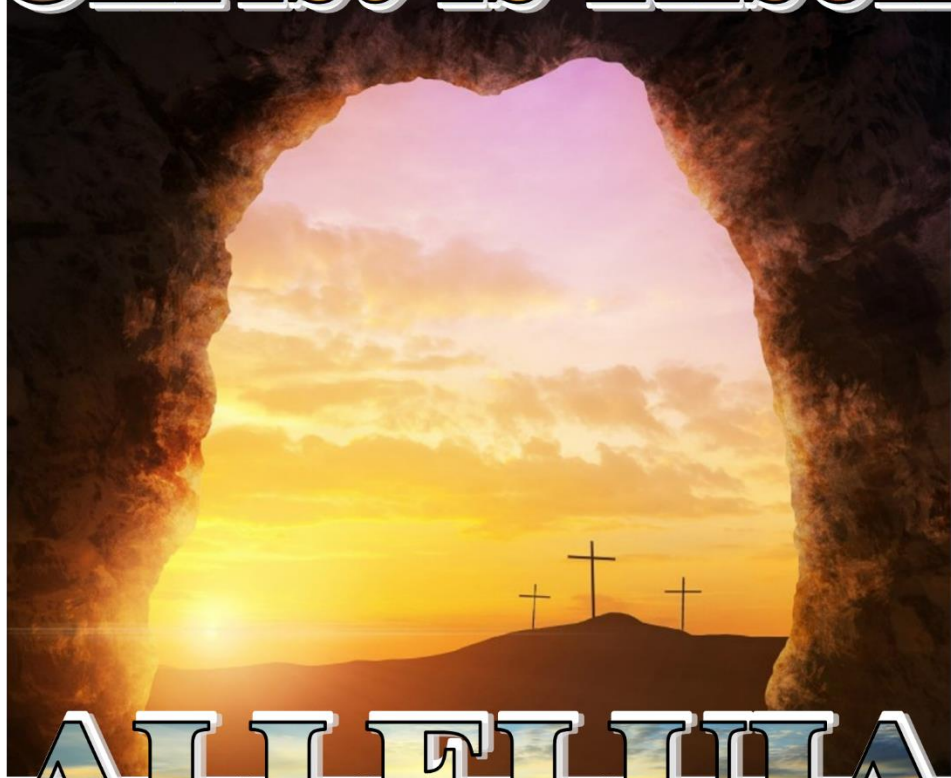




April 12th, 2020

# Christ is Risen



# ALLELUIA



**St. Stephen's**

Episcopal Church + Lakeland, Florida

To Love and Serve God and Neighbor

♪♪ *“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”* ♪♪

*Jesus Christ is risen today,  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once upon the cross,  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love;  
praise him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Opening Acclamation

+ Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious  
resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore

live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*(Acts 10:34-43)*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**  
(118:14-24)

The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
**and he has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
**in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
**the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**

I shall not die, but live, \*  
**and declare the works of the Lord**

The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
**but he did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

“This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
**he who is righteous may enter.”**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

## The Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*(Colossians 3:1-4)*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

♪♪ "The Strife is O'er" ♪♪

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:

let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

## The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 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.”

Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*(John 20:1-8)*

The Gospel of The Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

♪♪ He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven’s high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell!

**Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Sermon**  
The Rev. Dr. Rob Moses

## The Nicene Creed

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 in glory 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 one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.



For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
especially those on our prayer list and the suffering people of the world.  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For those serving in the armed forces, those wounded or recovering in veterans' hospitals, those serving in combat and those serving in safety.  
**For the peace and protection of God.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, David, Rob, and Doug our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For blessings upon Amanda and Joseph; Matt and Autumn;  
and Kevin and Samantha.

**For healthy babies and a safe delivery.**

For our schools, scouts, and all of the children and youth of our parish.

**For your grace and their ever growing knowledge and love of you.**

For our parish family.

**Bind us together and draw us always closer to you.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### The Announcements

Please check your email for this week's copy of the FYI. Services through Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be online only. Please let us know in the office if you have any prayer requests or need assistance of any kind.

#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 118:14

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

### The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

## The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

*(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

+ On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

+ After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

+ Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

+ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

These are the Gifts of God for you, the People of God., take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All are welcomed to God's Table. Any baptized Christian who wishes to receive Communion is invited to come for Drive-Thru Communion immediately after this service, from 10:00am – 11:00am***

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

## Closing Hymn

♪♪ *“Christ is Alive”* ♪♪

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

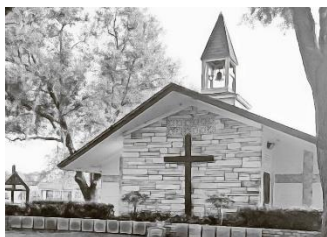
Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For Drive-Thru Communion, please take an immediate right at the church entrance, and follow the circular drive to the outdoor altar. One of the clergy will deliver a plate with a cups of consecrated Wine and Bread to your open car window. Easter Bags for the kids are available on the table by the kitchen door.



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