

# 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Sermon Series for the Easter Season



## Easter's Elect Exiles

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Beautifying our worship area  
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***Contact the office on Monday to  
arrange picking up your lily.***

### ***THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW SERVICE***

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Matthew's Gospel.

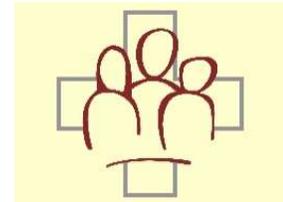
Matthew is the focus of Year A Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

#### ***Encouragement in the Time of a Pandemic***

***All: We will get through this.***

***We will get through this together.***

***We will get through this by the grace and mercy of God.***





***Invocation (Based on Matthew 11:28-30)***

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

C: ***Amen.***

P: Jesus says, "Come to Me all who are weary, and I will give You rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me.

For I am gentle and lowly in heart."

C: ***For You have promised we will find rest for our souls.***

P: For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

C: ***Amen.***

***Confession and Absolution (Matthew 22:34-40;19:16-26;18:13-14,19-20;20:28)***

P: When asked "Teacher, what is the great commandment in the Law?", Jesus said,

C: ***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart***

***and with all your soul and with all your mind.***

***And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.***

P: Jesus said, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

C: ***This brings us sorrow, Lord,***

***Because we treasure many things which are not focused on You.***

***Who then can be saved?***

P: Jesus declares, "With people this is impossible,

but with God all things are possible."

He rejoices more over finding one lost sheep than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. It is not His will that one of you should perish.

C: ***For the Lord has promised:***

***Where two or three are gathered in His Name,***

***He is among us with His forgiveness.***

P: Indeed, He is here in the power of His forgiveness for you today.

He comes not to be served

but to serve, to give His life as a ransom for you.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

**Verse of Praise**

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He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,



Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

**Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>“At that time, declares the LORD,  
I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines  
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim:  
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

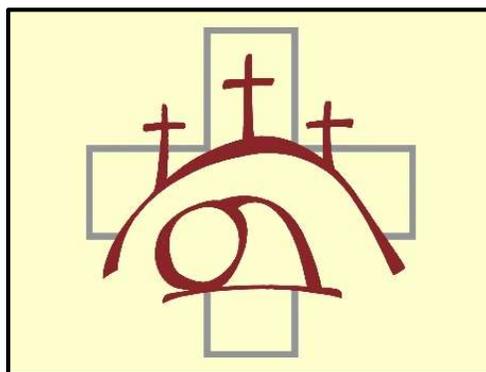
**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**Anthem****He Is the Risen Lord****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.*

*He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.*

*Even death his will obeyed, For with his love he closed the grave.*

*He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.*

*He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.*

*He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.*

*He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.*

*He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.*

*The Prince of Death has lost his prey. The King has rolled the stone away.*

*He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.*

*He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.*

*He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.*

*Forever he shall reign!*

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 28:1–10 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heav'n**

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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**1 Peter 1:1–2 (ESV)**

[An epistle (letter) from]

<sup>1</sup>Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.



**Confession of Faith from Matthew 11:2-6; 16:13-16**

P: When John the Baptist heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

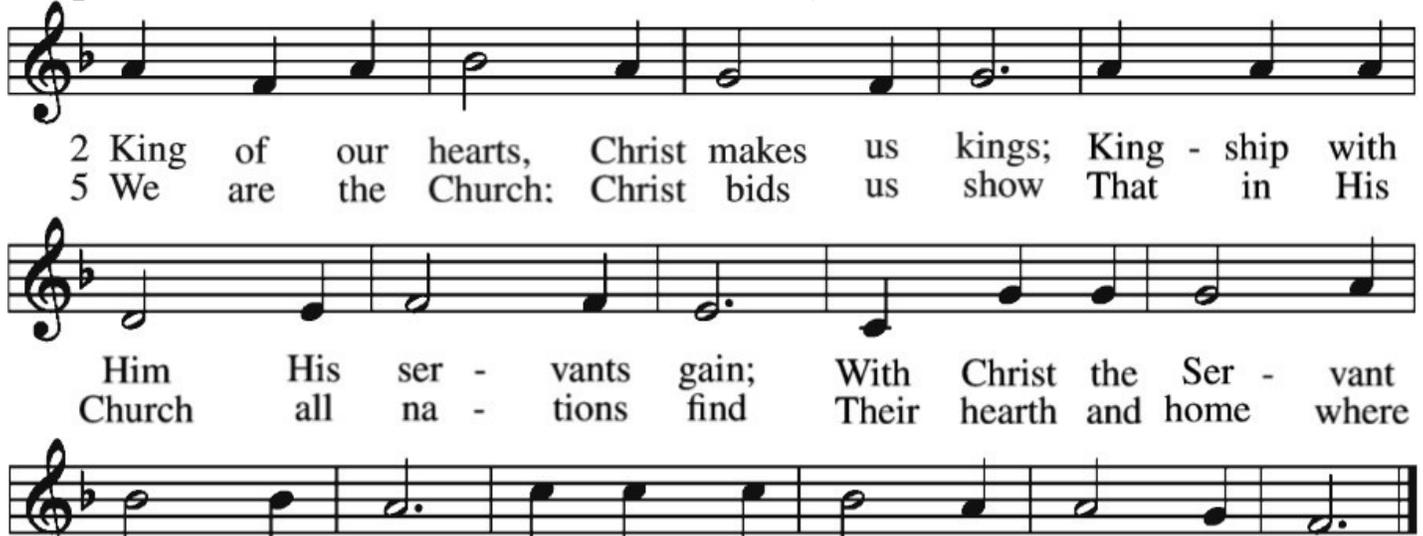
C: **Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”**

P: Jesus asked His disciples, using the title “Son of Man” to speak about Himself, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And the disciples said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Then He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” And I also ask you, disciples here today, “Who do you say that Jesus is?”

C: **Simon Peter replied, and we also say, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Amen.**

**Response (Based on Matthew 19:28, 12:18-21)**

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2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; King - ship with  
5 We are the Church: Christ bids us show That in His  
Him His ser - vants gain; With Christ the Ser - vant  
Church all na - tions find Their hearth and home where  
- Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
Christ re - stores True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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**The Lord's Invitation (based on Matthew 21:1-11; 26:2; 3:17; 17:15; 25:34)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: The Lord sent His prophet to say to the people of Zion, Jerusalem,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey.’”

And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people welcomed Him saying:

C: **“Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!”**

P: The whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said,

C: **“This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”**

P: But Jesus was not just another one of the prophets,  
as God the Father declared at His Baptism:

C: **“This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**

P: And God the Father reminded the disciples again at His Transfiguration:

C: **“This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”**

P: Then Jesus reminded the disciples in Jerusalem that “the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” By His crucifixion, and by His Supper, He extends this invitation: “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

C: **Amen.**

### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

- Please share the peace of the Lord with any family members at home.
- If you are on the Facebook Live page, please share the Lord’s peace in the comments.

### ***Prayers***

#### ***The Lord’s Prayer***

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

***All: 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.***

#### ***Closing Prayer (Based on Matthew 1:22-23; 2:5-6; 3:17; 3:16)***

P: Lord, all this has taken place to fulfill what You had spoken by the prophet, “They shall call His Name Immanuel—God with us.” And it was also written, “From Bethlehem... shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.” Jesus came preaching, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,” and now we are the people dwelling in darkness who have seen a great light, those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, and on us a light has dawned in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in His body and blood given to us.

C: **Amen.**

### **Benediction (Blessing) (Based on Matthew 28:18-20)**

P: As Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended into heaven, He says to you,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.  
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

C: Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

### **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Announcements**