Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Midwest Diocese,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ comes in three ranks or degrees.

Christ is Risen! Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, is crucified on the Cross where He dies. He enters the place where death reigns, the dark kingdom of the Devil, the dungeon of Hades. Being God, who is Life: “For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.” (John 5:26) and life is stronger than death, Jesus Christ destroys death. The Resurrection is Christ’s victory.

Next, Christ’s victory becomes my triumph: I am resurrected. By baptism, I become a member of the Body of Christ in the Church, “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” (Galatians 3:27) “You were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead” and “God made alive together with him” (Colossians 2:12-13)

Finally, being baptized into Christ “we are members one of another” (Ephesians 4:25) The Resurrection of Christ is our resurrection. “We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4)

Freed from the power of death, we must live a free life of love. Christ has taken care of me. My treasure is in heaven. A place is already reserved for me in His Kingdom. I don’t have to worry about self-preservation here! “Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God … for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8). I walk in the “newness of life”.

The Resurrection is Christ’s Resurrection. It is my resurrection. It is our resurrection. Glory to God.

May the Light of the Empty Tomb shine in our hearts forever!

Yours in Christ,

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April 19, 2020 – Holy Pascha
The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reading (on the front steps of the church): Mark 16:1-8

Troparion of Pascha:
Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Hypakoe of Pascha (Tone 4):
They who were with Mary came before the dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and heard the angels say unto them: “Why seek ye Him as man with the dead, who dwells in Light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for He is the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

Kontakion of Pascha (Tone 8):
Though thou, O Deathless One, didst descend into the grave, Thou didst destroy the power of hell and as Victor Thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying: “Rejoice!” Thou didst bestow peace upon Thy disciples and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.
Prokeimenon Psalm:
This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-17

Megalynarion for Pascha:
The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin. Again, I say rejoice: Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead; rejoice, rejoice O ye people. Shine! Shine! Shine, O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult, and be glad O Zion. Be radiant,
O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

News and Announcements

Lenten Coin Boxes: Please remember to fill the coin boxes found on the Greeters' Table to feed the hungry around the world. Please replace the coins with a check marked “For the Poor” in the memo line. Thank you and God bless you for remembering the poor during our fasting season! If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Hristos a înviat! Adevarat a înviat!
Al-Massih kam! Hakkan kam!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
Christus Surrexit! Surrexit vere!
Cristo ha resucitado! Verdaderamente, ha resucitado!
Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
Cristo è risorto! E veramente risorto!
Le Christ est ressuscité! Vraiment Il est ressuscité!
Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!
Krishti u nga'll! Vërtet u nga'll!
Christos harjav i merelotz! Orhniale harutjun Christosi!
Christus is opgestaan! Hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
Christus het opgestaan! Hy het waarlik opgestaan!
Tá Cristo éiríthe! Go deimhin, tá s éiríthe!
Kristos Teneståi! Bergit Teneståi!
Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!
Kristus on üles tōusnud! Tōesti, Ta on üles tōusnud!