

“For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Christ is Risen!! He is Risen indeed!! Alleluia!!

The joy of Easter! The triumph of this day! We celebrate the empty tomb; we celebrate the risen Lord. The angels proclaimed to the women who went to the tomb, “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.”

You, who have come to God’s House to celebrate this greatest day of the year, “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, and He *is* here.” What a joy that we do not have to search for the Savior of the world. He has risen, and He *is* here.

In the weeks of Lent, we have turned our attention to the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer. We have focused our thoughts on all of those things for which Christ our Lord taught us to pray – that God’s Name is hallowed, that His will is done, that we receive our daily bread, that our trespasses (our sins) are forgiven, that we are not lead into temptation but are delivered from evil.

My sermon in the rotation was “Thy Kingdom Come”. We pray for God’s Kingdom of Grace, His Church on Earth, to come to

me and to you and to everyone that everyone may know the joy of salvation. And we pray for God' Kingdom of Glory, His Church in Heaven, to come – for Christ to return that we may see Him face to face.

“Thy Kingdom Come” is the prayer of those who are longing for the presence of God. Today, we focus on the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer, “For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.” The Kingdom we pray for; the Kingdom we long for is already His. The reality of the Kingdom of God is present already. The resurrection is a reality. It is what we celebrate this Easter morning. It is here now, but not yet do we see the fullness of all that is to come the fullness of the power and the glory of God's eternal Kingdom.

On this Easter morning, we celebrate that the Kingdom of God has come. We celebrate the power of God – His power over death. Jesus is risen! Christ is risen! Sunday, April 1, 2012 He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We celebrate the glory of God. The glory of the risen Savior; the glory of the empty tomb; the glory of the One and only who could break forth from the bonds of death. Even more, the glory of the One who has broken deaths hold on you and me.

We celebrate Christ our risen Lord – our King who is risen from the dead. We pray “For Thine *is* the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.” God's Kingdom is a

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“You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He *has* risen, and He *is* here.” The risen Christ comes to us in flesh and blood. The Easter miracle is the reality of the resurrection of the body. As I said last week, as our confirmands prepared to receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time, “It is a mystery as to how this can happen, that we are blessed with the physical presence of God Himself. But we get to participate in a miracle. This is a really big deal. There is a reason to be excited about receiving this for the first time. There is a reason to be excited about receiving this every time.

The broken body and shed blood of Christ was given and shed for you. The Kingdom and the power and the glory of God are here for you. God’s Kingdom is a reality this day. The power and glory of His eternal Kingdom is what we celebrate this Easter morning.

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