

“Christ is Risen!! He is Risen indeed!! Alleluia!!”

Amos 9:11-15

Throughout Lent and Holy Week, we have heard the voice of the prophet Amos. Amos told of a famine of the Word of God, destruction, death. Amos did not have good news for the house of Israel – until now. “Behold, the days are coming declares the Lord . . .” The good news I have this morning in that the days of salvation are here. Come to the feast.

Today is a day to celebrate. For seven weeks, we will greet one another with the words “Christ is Risen!! He is Risen indeed!! Alleluia!!” It is so good to hear the “Alleluias” again. It has been seven weeks without them. We have not heard them in our church since Jesus stood on the Mount of Transfiguration.

We certainly did not hear any “Alleluias” when Jesus was on Mt. Calvary. But the days of salvation are here. Amos says, “The mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.” David says, “My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Easter and the resurrection has always been the goal of the people of God. This is really what we celebrate each time we gather. Christ's body was broken. His blood was shed. He is risen. He is alive. His body and blood are full of life. Come to the feast.

His victory over sin and death is complete. It is time to celebrate. Come to the feast and join the angels and arch-angels and all the company of heaven as we laud and magnify God's glorious name.

Come to the feast and never hunger or thirst again. Come! For everything is now ready. The abundance of God's grace is ours. Eternal life is ours. Christ is risen!! He is risen indeed!! There is ample reason to “praise God” – which is what “Alleluia” means.

God has prepared the table before us in the presence of our enemy the devil. Christ has descended into hell and has announced His victory. These gifts were purchased at the cost of mocking, whipping, nailing, bleeding, sweating, thirsting, and dying. Christ's body was broken. His blood was shed. That was yesterday's news. This morning we celebrated. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. He is alive. His body and blood are full of life. Come to the feast. Amen.