

HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 9, 2023

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER DAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

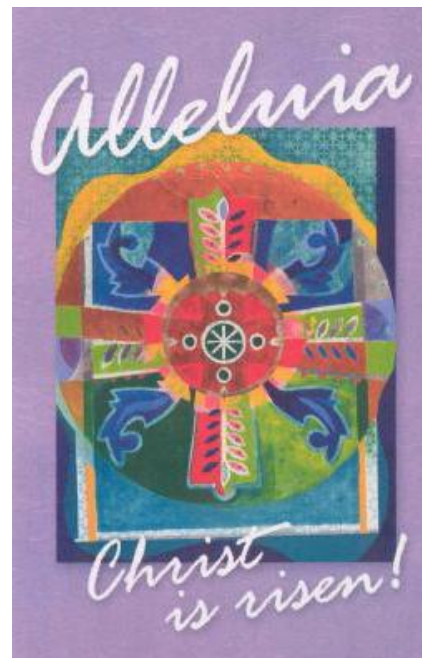
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, find the Scripture readings in your Bible or the pew Bible, and pray. You may pray: **Gracious God, we confess to you that we are slow of heart to believe the resurrection news. We turn from others and retreat in fear.***

Come into our locked rooms and breathe into us Your forgiving spirit. Reawaken our trust and strengthen our hope, that we may be witnesses to Your saving power. AMEN.

INTRODUCTION

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of creation, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



COMMEMORATION

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, teacher, 1945 - Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the confessing church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then later to Schoenberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schoenberg, he was taken away to be hanged the next day. His last words as he left were, This is the end, but for me the beginning of life." A hymn written by Bonhoeffer shortly before his death includes the line, By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting come what may, we know that God is with us night and morning, and never fails to greet us each new day'(WOV 736). Bonhoeffer's courage is a bold witness to the paschal mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

(Please rise.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

(LBW # 131 - favorite - Text: John S.B. Monsell; Tune: Frederick C. Maker)



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Refrain
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Remember how He said, “The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

C: He has kept His promise! He is risen!

P: Remember how He spoke of His body and told His enemies He would “destroy this temple...and raise it again in three days.”

C: He has fulfilled His word! He is risen!

L: As the women were leaving the grave, they met Jesus.

C: And in the evening, He appeared to the disciples.

P: The grave could not hold Him.

C: And neither shall it hold us.

L: Sin could not gain the victory over Jesus.

C: And neither shall it gain victory over us.

P: Jesus trusted in the Father’s power to save.

C: And we shall trust in Jesus to save us.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANTHEM (*Please sit.*) “Celebrate! He is Risen”

(*David N. Davenport, Arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen*)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us recall our need for mercy and give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(*Please kneel. Silence for reflection. Water is poured into the font..*)

P: Blessed are You, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood You carried those in the ark to safety. You led Your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness You nourished them with water from the rock, and You brought them across the Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim us as Your children, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” (LBW # 143)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!”



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **O God You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

“His love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my song;

He has become my salvation.

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!

The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;

the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

The LORD has chastened me severely,

but He has not given me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD

through which the righteous may enter.

I will give You thanks, for You answered me;

You have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAISE SONG “I’ve Just Seen Jesus”

(Maj # 257 - Text: Gloria Gaither; Tune: William J. Gaither, Danny Daniels)

I've just seen Je - sus! I'll tell you He's a - live! I've just seen
 Je - sus, my pre - cious Lord, a - live. And I knew
 He real - ly saw me too; As if 'til now I'd nev - er
 lived. All that I've done be - fore won't mat - ter an - y - more.
 I've just seen Je - sus, and I'll nev - er be the same a - gain.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT - Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READING.... Jeremiah 31:1-6 Pew Bible P. 1225

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING.... Colossians 3:1-4Pg. 1834

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Majesty” (Maj # 1 - Jack Hayford - favorite)

Maj-es - ty, wor-ship his maj-es - ty; un - to Je-sus be all
glo-ry, hon-or, and praise. Maj-es - ty, king-dom au - thor - i - ty
flow from his throne un - to his own, his an - them raise. So ex -
alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus; mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -
fy Christ Je - sus, the King. Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his
maj-es - ty; Je - sus, who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-15Pg. 1549

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY (*Please sit.*)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (SBH # 90 / LBW # 135)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

(*Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE RECEIVE CHRIST'S COVENANTAL MEAL

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: "*Hallelujah Chorus*" (*Shortened version*)

Allegro maestoso. G. F. Handel.

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

And He shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er, and He shall reign for -

ev - er and ev - er, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

ff rall.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

1. "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (SBH #91)

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!
 of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

2. "Easter Song" (Maj # 262 - Anne Herring)

1 Hear the bells ring - ing, they're sing - ing that we can be
 2 Hear the bells ring - ing, they're sing - ing, "Christ is ris - en

1 born a - gain!
 2 from the dead!"

The an - gel up - on the tomb - stone said, "He is

ris - en just as He said. Quick - ly now go tell His dis -

ci - ples that Je - sus Christ is no long - er dead!"

Joy to the world, He is ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia! He's ris -

en, Al - le - lu - ia! He's ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia!

3. (if needed) "The Day of Resurrection!" (Maj # 261)

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

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Henry T. Smart, 1836

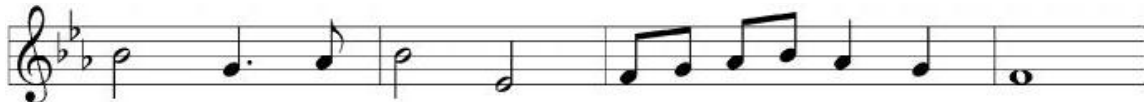
WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN “*Thine Is the Glory*” (LBW # 145)



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;
life is nought with - out thee; aid us in our strife;



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
make us more than con - qu'rors, through thy death-less love;



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.

PASSING THE PEACE

P: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.



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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker
CRUCIFER: 8:30-Seth Miller / 10:45-*Volunteer needed*
PROJECTION: Karen Brown
SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski
LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler
LECTOR: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan
COMMUNION: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski, Bella Zyskowski, Josh Miller
/ 10:45-Lyn Stryker
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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