

The Festival Worship of Christ's Resurrection

April 1, 2018

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and every Sunday. It's because of his death and resurrection that we are assured of forgiveness from our sins, and everlasting life with God. The liturgical colors are white, a color of triumph and glory, and gold, a color of joy.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Gathering Music

Easter Good News

Ⓐ On Good Friday when Jesus suffered and died on the cross the light went out of the world. Our sins were paid and our salvation won; but the cost was the very life of Jesus Christ. Christ suffered and died, and darkness and silence covered the world. But darkness could not overcome the Light. Death could not conquer our Lord. On the third day Christ rose from the grave. Christ's life and glory and presence fill the world and fill our very lives. Our hearts fill with joy and our voices fill with praise. Jesus Christ lives. Alleluia!

Ⓐ It is Easter Sunday and the tomb is empty. So we come to proclaim together:

☑ **Christ is risen!**

Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☑ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Ⓟ Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!

☑ **Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! Praise be to God!**

Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW #365

Easter Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

Ⓟ Holy people of God, given new life through the gospel of Christ, and enlightened by the Spirit: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

1.) I danced in the morning when the world was begun
 I danced in the Moon, and the stars, and the Sun
 I came down from Heaven and I danced on Earth
 At Bethlehem I had my birth. **Refrain:**

2.) *I danced for the scribe and the pharisee
 They would not dance, they wouldn't follow me
 So I danced for the fishermen James and John
 They came with me and the Dance went on. **Refrain:***

Refrain:

**Dance then, wherever you may be
 I am the Lord of the dance, said He!
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be
 And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He!**

3.) I danced on the Sabbath and cured the lame
 The holy people, they said it was a shame!
 They whipped & stripped & they hung me high
 Left me there on a cross to die! **Refrain:**

4.) *I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone
 But I am the Dance and I still go on! **Refrain:***

5.)

They cut me down but I leap up high
 I am the Life that will never never die!
 I live in you if you live in Me
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said He! **Refrain:**

Prayer of the Day

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Special Music

Hallelujah

Lydia Markwart

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

Ⓛ ³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 118 ELW Double psalm tone #16 (The double tone has 4 flats)

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

**The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.**

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD. ☒

**The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation. 

**The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.
This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. 

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

 ¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

 Word of God, word of life.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able.

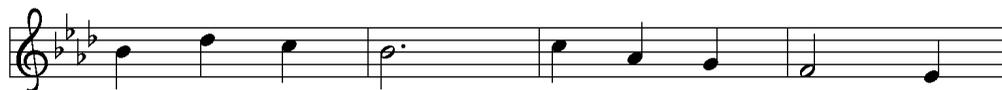
vs 1-2



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

☞ A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

☛ **Glory to you, O lord.**

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who

was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

☐ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets.

☑ **But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Sit

Special Music

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Grace Choir

Arr. Dale Wood

Children’s Message

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Message

Stand as you are able.

Song of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367 (red book)

Nicene Creed

☐ We confess our faith as one body in Christ Jesus:

☑ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel or sit as you are able.

The Prayers

A On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

A brief silence

A You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**A** You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.**A** Gracious God, hear the individual prayers we lift up to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts:

Here other intercessions may be offered

A Lord, in your mercy.

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

A You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

C (sung) Oh, Draw Me, Lord (x3) And I'll run after You.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

C Amen.

Stand as you are able

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(We share the peace of the risen Lord with one another.)

Sit

Offering of Gifts & Music

Lydia Markwart

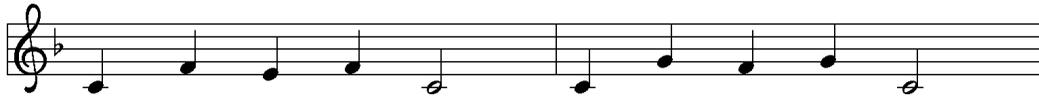
Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.

Stand as you are able.

Offering Song

Day of Arising

ELW 374 (red book)



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



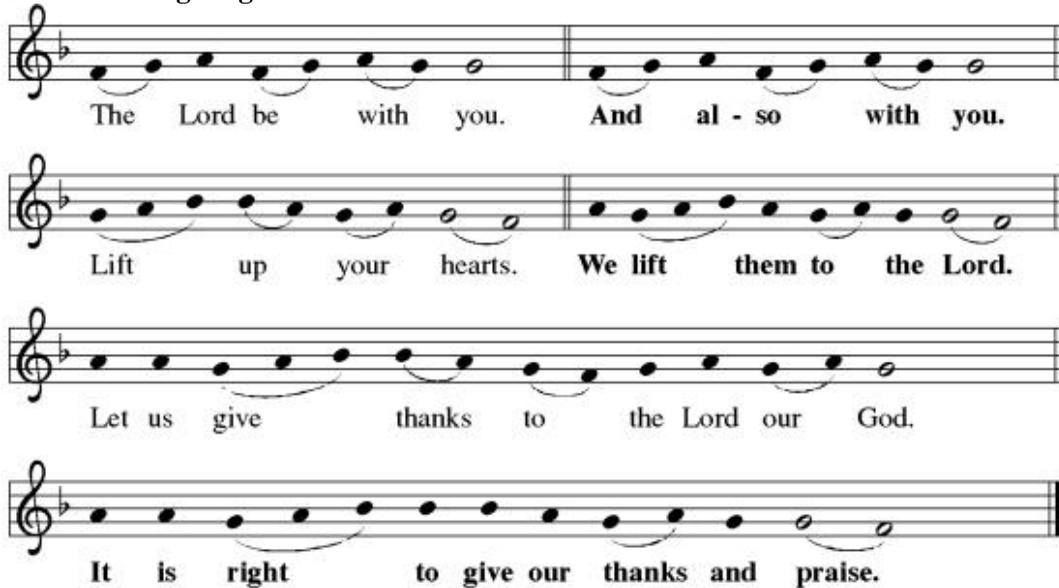
and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples.

G Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Table Prayer

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

☑ **By dying on the cross, Jesus has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.**

☐ 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 and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

☐ 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.**

☐ With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Pour your Holy Spirit upon us as we share this meal in the body and blood of our Lord.

☑ **Make us one with Christ and will all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful people until we feast at your table in glory.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

☞ Holy things for holy people.

☞ **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God.**

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Holy Communion

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

You are Holy

ELW 525 (red book)

Christ Has Risen, Alleluia!

ELW 364

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW 619

Stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

☞ Let us pray . . . Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

☞ **Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Sit

Congregational Announcements

Stand as you are able

Blessing

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of +Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376 (red book)

Dismissal

☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☐ You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Floral Arrangements

Jeanette Markwart

Tom & Cheryl Drumm

Jeannette Ulrich

Shayna Gibbons

Kay Howell

Jenn Rosenberger

Linda Melcher

Angela Pruitt

Kristi Winick

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