

Easter Sunday Service

March 27, 2016

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday and throughout the year. 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.

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Gathering Music

The Trembling Earth

by Mary Kuhlman

Mary Kuhlman, Kate Watson

Cindy Olson, Marcia Bowman

Stand as you are able

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365 (red book)

Greeting

☞ Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! May each one of us find great joy and spiritual nourishment.

Hymn of Praise

Alleuia! Jesus is Risen

vs 1

WOV 674 (blue book)

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

Vocal Response

The Risen Christ

arr Tom Fettke

Grace Choir

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

☞ A reading from **Acts**:

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.”

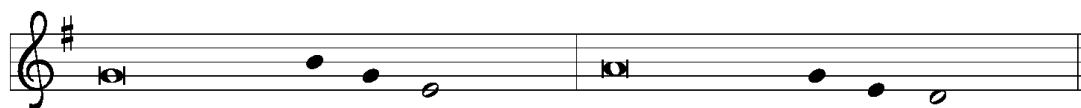
▲ The word of the Lord.

📌 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 118



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. 📌

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. 📌

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. 📌

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

☒ A reading from **1 Corinthians:**

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

☒ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

WOV 674 (blue book)

vs 2

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

☒ The Gospel according to **Luke.**

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

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 the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379 (red book)

Blessing of Communion Vessels

☞ Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this set of communion vessels—patens, chalices, flagon and ciborium—to the glory of God.

☞ Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;

☛ **you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children; and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.**

☞ Send your blessing on these communion vessels, which we set apart today; may all who receive the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing be sustained by your grace and power. To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

☛ **now and forever. Amen.**

Kneel or sit as you are able.

The Prayers

☛ On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

A brief silence.

☛ O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others. Honor the obedience of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David and Sarah; our companion churches in Latvia, Honduras and Papua New Guinea, Hope Lutheran Church in Rhodes, Prairieville Community Church in Delton; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Paul. Hear us, O God.

☛ **Your mercy is great.**

☛ Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals. Hear us, O God.

☛ **Your mercy is great.**

☛ Grant to all nations your life of peace. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. Protect those who serve in the military, especially Myrina Clements and Kayla Pohl. Hear us, O God.

☛ **Your mercy is great.**

☛ Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. Especially we pray for *Al Miller, Zeus Duites, Wes and Opal Gillons, the family of Marvin Verus, Rick, Sharon and Corrina Palmer.* Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

Ⓐ Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Ⓐ Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

Ⓐ O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God.

☞ Your mercy is great.

Ⓟ O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

Stand as you are able.

Sharing the Peace

Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ And also with you.

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

Sit

Offering of Gifts & Music

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

Offering Song

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Cindy Olson/Marcia Bowman

arr by Tedd Smith & Don Husted

Stand as you are able.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW 362 (red book)

vs 1 & 2

Offering Prayer

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

☞ Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.

☞ And also 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 God our thanks and praise.

Ⓟ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our

Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

☞ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. Do this for the 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.

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

☞ Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

☞ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

☞ **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 and ever. Amen.**

Invitation To Communion

☞ The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Sit

Holy Communion

The usher(s) will release you from the pew. Both sides will process forward, forming two lines, to receive 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.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing vs 3-4

ELW 362 (red book)

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

Ⓐ Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.

☑ **Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Ⓟ 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.**

Sending Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

WOV 376 (blue book)

Dismissal

Ⓐ Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Floral Arrangements

Ingrid Morgan

In memory of loved ones