

AS WE GATHER

Living With Easter Faith

After Easter, Jesus' disciples were never the same. As His followers today, we are also called to live each day with Easter faith. Worship our risen Lord and God and grow in our Easter faith with us!

+ WORSHIP OUR RISEN LORD +

LSB 474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

sts. 1, ref

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5:10; 2:1b–2

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him

while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 474, Refrain, Verse 3, refrain

LSB 474 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN

sts. ref, 3

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3 Jesus the vine, We are the branches;

Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,

Gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection

C **may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35 NIV

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1—2:2 NIV

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with

the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 O sons and daughters of the King,
 Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
 Today the grave has lost its sting!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 That night the _apostles met in fear;
 Among them came their master dear
 And said, "My peace be with you here."
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
 That they had seen the risen Lord,
 He doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when

they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,

the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LSB 470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING sts. 6–8

6 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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MESSAGE

Living With Easter Faith

CREED

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,**

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

LSB 848 LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE sts. 1–2, 4

1 Lord, whose love through humble service

Bore the weight of human need,

Who upon the cross, forsaken,

Offered mercy's perfect deed,

We, Your servants, bring the worship

Not of voice alone, but heart,

Consecrating to Your purpose

Ev'ry gift that You impart.

2 Still Your children wander homeless;

Still the hungry cry for bread;

Still the captives long for freedom;

Still in grief we mourn our dead.

As, O Lord, Your deep compassion

Healed the sick and freed the soul,

Use the love Your Spirit kindles

Still to save and make us whole.

4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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OUR PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of

sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

sts. 1, ref, 3–4

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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LSB 818 IN THEE IS GLADNESS

1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven,

Thou the true Redeemer art.

Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.

He sees and blesses In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

sts. 1–2, ref 1-4, 5, ref 5

1 To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the life-gate that all may go in. **REFRAIN**

ref 1-2

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

2 To God be the glory, great mercy He's shown:

He saved us and cleansed us and made us His own;

Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,

That we might be justified by His rich love! **REFRAIN**

5 To God be the glory, great things He has done,

Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son—

Called out of the darkness of death and despair;

Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare.

REFRAIN 5

**ref 5 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth
hear His voice!**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people
rejoice!**

**Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit—our God, Three in One!**

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