

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4, 2021

WELCOME – Pastor Len Hoffmann

WORSHIP LEADER - Pastor Martha Neff Stum

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating – a new heaven and a new earth.

People: The promise of joy and gladness for all people.

Pastor: The promise of Eden restored, where every living creature lives in harmony.

People: Promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who died to defeat evil,

and rose to give us life.

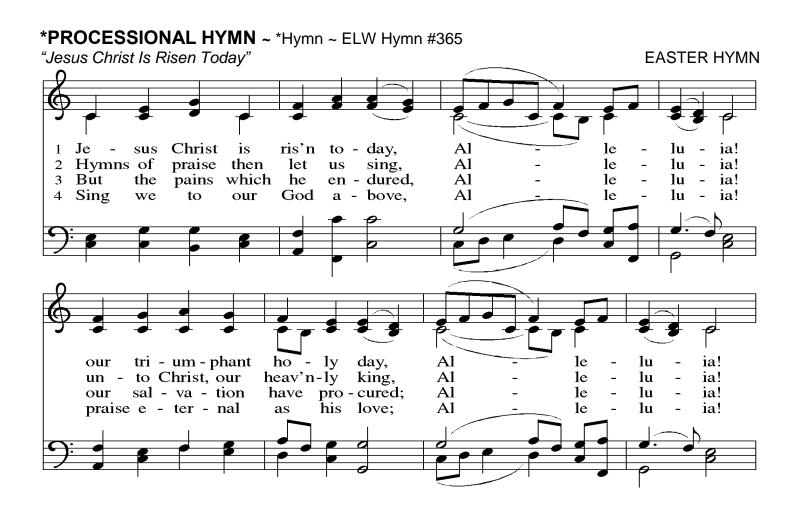
Pastor: So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us –

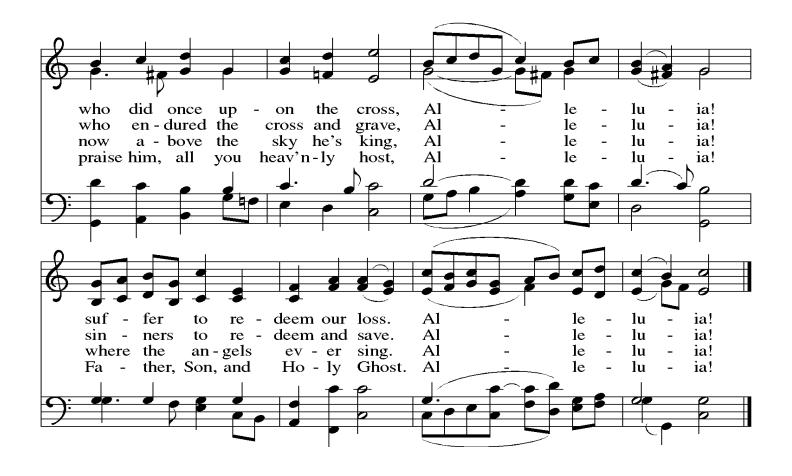
new life - the life of the risen Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



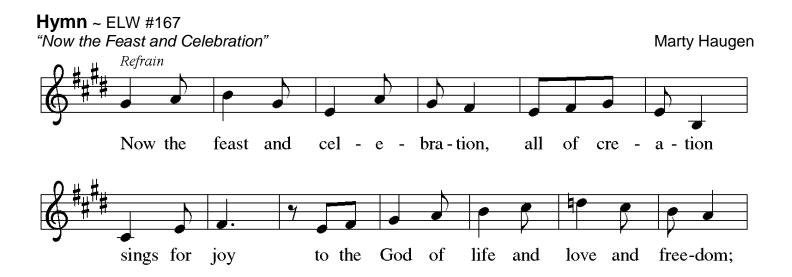


GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.





Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading A reading from Acts 10:34-43

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."

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures 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. R

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver 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 righ- | teous may enter."

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

²²The stone that the build- | ers 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. **R**

Second Reading A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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. ¹Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ³Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ³For 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.

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, | has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us | keep

the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8

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. ⁶But 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." ⁵So 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.

Lector: The Gospel of our Lord, People: Glory to you, O Christ.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann



The Nicene Creed

Pastor: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Hear us, O God.
People: Your mercy is great.

Lector: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your

never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*Offering Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have

blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one

who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

*Preface

Pastor: 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.

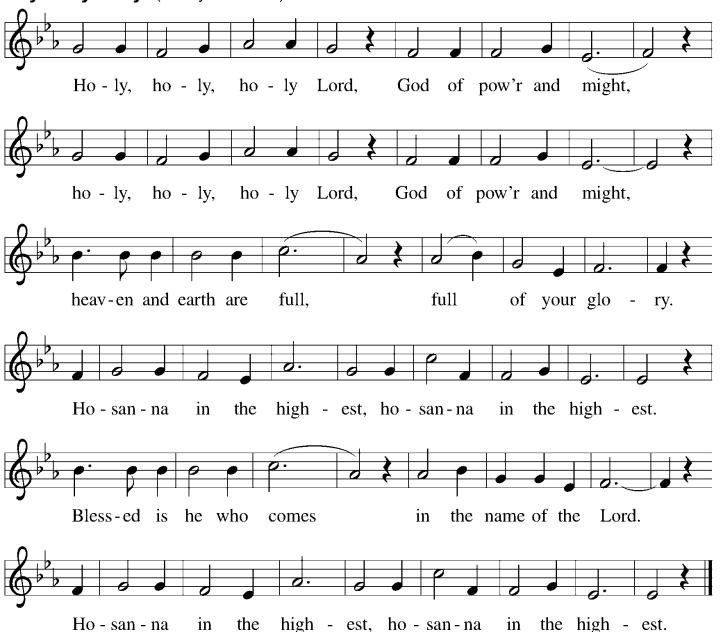
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

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:

Holy! Holy! Holy! (arr. by Schubert)



Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

*The Lord's Prayer

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

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution Special Music

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer

darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to

all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen

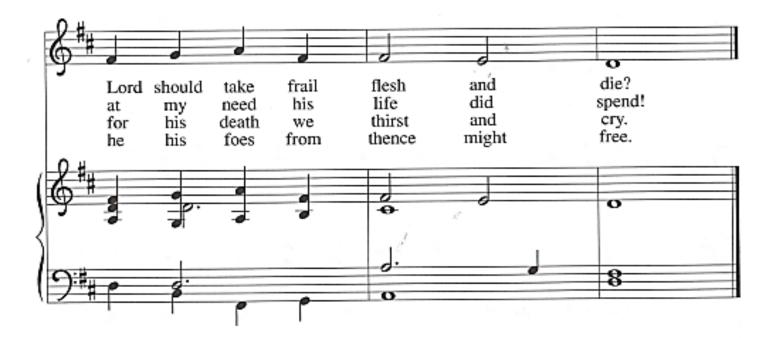
*Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

Amen.





- 5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

*Dismissal

Pastor:

Go in peace to grow. Share the good news.

People:

Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadIffLHnDxG

And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad Sonja Dunn Gerry Meyer Mary Neff Joy Neverman

Patty Sirls at the death of her brother, Robin Coffey, on March 18, 2021 All those we hold dear in our hearts.

Sunday, April 11, 2021 Easter 2 Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1--2:2, John 20:19-31

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