



OUR RISEN SAVIOR

EASTER WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

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GATHERING MUSIC (SEE INSERT)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down.

Today we take it all in.

Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing.

Today we are full to the brim.

Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away.

Today the women saw the empty grave.

Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day. He is Risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Rejoice He is Alive!" Composer- Shafferman

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 16: 1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 16th chapter.
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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: ‘Our Risen Savior’

HYMN: “ELW 660 Lift High the Cross”

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who can astound us—

a God who created the mountains of Colorado,

the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—
*an example of love for those on the fringes,
healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.*

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded,
mocked, and killed by the state.

*And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began
again—
the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.*

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into
an expansive life—

*a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the
brim with joy,
overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with
good news.*

Death has lost its sting and through the gift of our baptism we are
given new life.

We believe and are set free. Thanks be to God, Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let
us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good
news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the
church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged,
grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us
all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, *hear our
prayer.*

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

DIALOGUE



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.

PREFACE

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,
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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, mighty and merciful,
 your people praise you, saying:
 Your mercy endures forever.
Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
 you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,
 granting them life and calling them to flourish,
 setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,
 the colors of your love and faithfulness.
 Your mercy endures forever.
Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
you bound yourself to your people of old,
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars
and calling them to be a blessing to others,
showing them steadfast love in every generation
and calling them to be a light to the nations.
Your mercy endures forever.
Your mercy endures forever.

By your promise
you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,
grafting us into your living Vine,
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember his life laid down and lifted up
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth
and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,
in your Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: HYMN OF HEAVEN

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more

Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. ***Amen.***

HYMN: "I Know my Redeemer Lives"

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Based on Jb 19:25
Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

DUKE STREET
Attr. to John Hatton, c. 1710-1793



1. I know that my Re - deem - er — lives!
2. Christ lives to bless me — with great — love;
3. Christ lives and grants me — dai - ly — breath;
4. Christ lives, all glo - ry — to his — name!



1. What joy this blest as - sur - ance gives!
2. He lives to plead for me a - bove;
3. He lives, and I shall con - quer death;
4. He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



1. Christ lives, he lives, who — once — was — dead,
2. Christ lives, my hun - gry — soul — to — feed;
3. Christ lives, my man - sion — to — pre - pare;
4. What joy this blest — as - sur - ance — gives;



1. He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
2. He lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

SENDING

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church

Foster community through faith love and service.

Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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