

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

WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

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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.

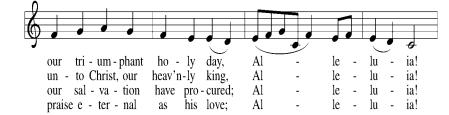
Today we know—death does not win.

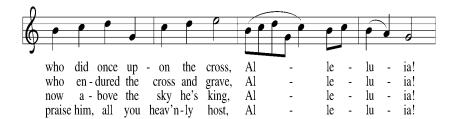
This day is not like any other day. He is Risen!

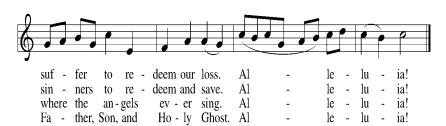
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"









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





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



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*.

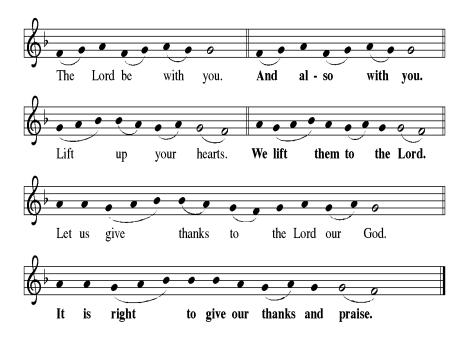
Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

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

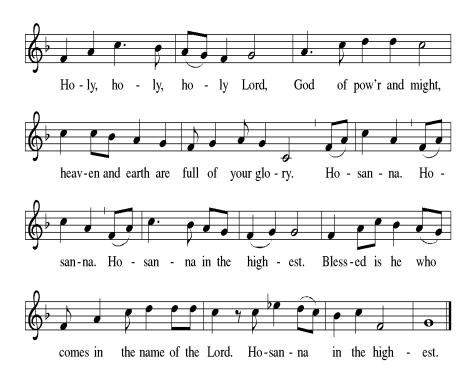


PREFACE

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:



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.

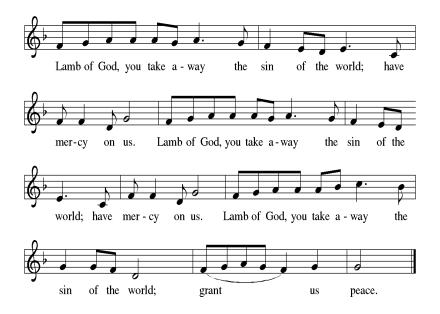
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless us to be a blessing.
Make us a sign of your faithfulness.
Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

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



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

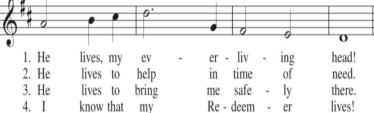
Alleluia! Christ is risen! *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!* The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. *Amen.*

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





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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