THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, March 31, 2024 9:30 AM

Introduction

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

+ Gathering +

PRELUDE

Fantasia on All People that on Earth do Dwell Concertato on All People that on Earth Do Dwell by Margeretha Christina de Jong

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

Carillon rings after prelude and brief period of silence before worship begins. At the sound of the bells, the congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit and face the Font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia, Christ has Risen! **He has risen indeed, Alleluia!** (x3)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the radiant sun of dawn, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and with your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

Through lion's dens, wilderness exile, and fiery furnaces you protected and guided us. At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The congregation may turn to continue facing the cross as it is carried forward.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW 365)



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GLORIA This is the Feast





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+WORD+

READING I Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24





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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

READING II Acts 10:34-43

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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation may stand and turn to continue facing the cross as it is carried forward.

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded, verse 1



GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The gospel according to Mark.

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.

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded, verse 2

HOMILY

The congregation may be seated. Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The congregation may stand. The Day of Resurrection (ELW 361)



THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

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 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. You are invited to pray through standing, kneeling, or sitting.

A brief silence.

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.

People of God, for what else do we pray for this day? You may share your prayers aloud or in the silence of your heart...

God of Grace,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

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.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ MEAL +

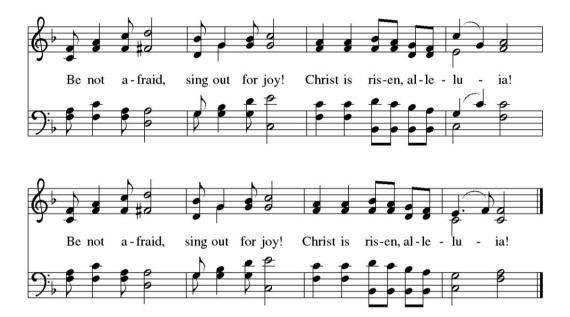
OFFERTORY

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Christ Jesus Lay in Deaths Strong Bands

OFFERTORY VERSE Be Not Afraid



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Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God our provider,

by your merciful hand

abundance springs up from the earth.

Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.

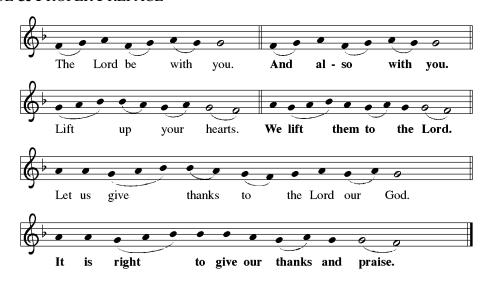
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love

and faithfulness for all people,

through Jesus Christ our Savior.

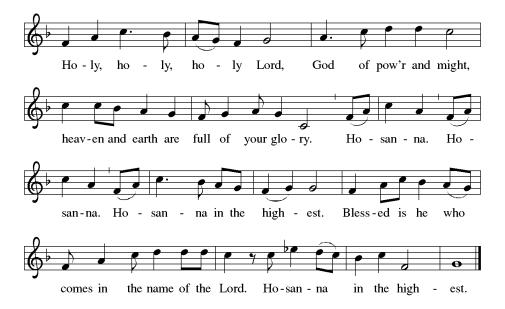
Amen.

DIALOGUE & PROPER PREFACE



"... we praise your name and join their un-ending hymn:"

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



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.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

Our God in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

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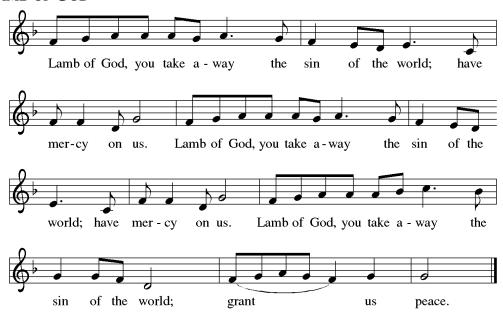
NVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Come, for Christ first welcomed us.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Your row will be invited up the aisle to receive communion, beginning first with the left side of the nave followed by the two right sections. The minister will place bread (body) in your hand saying, "The Body of Christ, given for you," and after that you may move to the chalice and receive the wine (blood) from the assistant minister who will say "The Blood of Christ, shed for you." You may then dip the bread into the cup of wine (red), or grape juice (white). Once you have communed you may head back to your pew by the side aisle..

LAMB OF GOD





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Music: ST, HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938–1984
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COMMUNION MUSIC:

Engleberg by Libby Larsen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The congregation my stand.

Let us pray together.

We thank you, O God,
that you have strengthened our hearts
through this feast of life and salvation.
Shine the light of Christ on our path,
that we may do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you,
now and forever.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

This Joyful Eastertide (ELW 391)



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia: The Resurrection

by Eurydice V. Osterman

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SERVING TODAY

Interim Presiding Minister:Vicar Alex LinnDirector of Youth & FamiliesEvergreen EdwardsDirector of Music:Luke Duroc-Danner

Trumpet:Charlie JonesTrombone:Arlo HollanderTrombone:Andrew Ng

Soprano: Paula Perez-Glassner

Alto:Audrey NeaceTenor:Sol Adam LehmanBass-Baritone:Nikolas ArdenAssisting Minister:Jason ShuttersCrucifer:Aidan Maglocci

Torch Bearers:Mae Loesel, Chris MaglocciReaders:Claire Radde, Jillian RaddeUshers:Alan Swanson, Finny Maglocci

Altar Guild: Cindi Rachowicz

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- † Buckley Crist
- + Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye Smith
- † Rena Leinberger, cancer diagnosis 11/12/23
- † Family and Friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- † Family & friends of Viola Gonder, mother of Craig Gonder, who died 8/7/23
- Congratulations to Dano Johnson & Emily Mock, who were married June 17, 2023
- ⁺ Family & friends of Richard Rusz, who died 6/6/23
- † Family & friends of Karen Daugherty, aunt of Erin Rasmussen, who died 5/8/23
- ⁺ Family & friends of Joan Schinler, who died 5/5/23
- † Sarah Rink, hospitalized after a fall 3/8/23
- † Family & friends of Ruby Winter, who died 1/10/23
- Steve Morrison, son of Tom & Judy Morrison, recovering from back surgery 1/1/23

- + Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing
- Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury