



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – EASTER 2021
9:30 AM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

(stand)

INVOCATION

Blessed be the God the Father of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

AMEN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.
(kneel if able)

(silence is kept for reflection)

God of life,

BY THE RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON YOU MAKE EVERYTHING NEW. NEWNESS SCARES US, AND WE CONFESS TO SHUTTING OUR DOORS IN FEAR. WE HAVE NOT LISTENED TO VOICES THAT CHALLENGE US. WE HAVE RESISTED THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVING US IN NEW DIRECTIONS. OUR HEARTS ARE SLOW TO BELIEVE YOUR PROMISES. FORGIVE US, O GOD, AND RENEW US TO EMBRACE WITHOUT FEAR THE NEW LIFE YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN JESUS CHRIST. AMEN

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in ☩ Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

AMEN

(stand)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate

(sit)

FIRST READING

Celebrate

SECOND READING

Celebrate

(stand)

GOSPEL

Celebrate

The Gospel of the Lord;

THANKS BE TO GOD

(sit)

SERMON

MUSICAL OFFERING

(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,

SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED; HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,

HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

AMEN.

PRAYERS

Celebrate

CHOIR ANTHEM *(Pre-recorded)*

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO 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 at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

BECAUSE HE LIVES, I LIVE! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, trusting that Jesus Christ is truly present with us as he promised.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of Joy,

THROUGH THIS MEAL YOU HAVE PUT GLADNESS IN OUR HEARTS. SATISFY THE HUNGER STILL AROUND US, AND SEND US AS JOYFUL WITNESSES, THAT YOUR LOVE MAY BRING JOY TO THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

BECAUSE HE LIVES, I LIVE! ALLELUIA! AMEN!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

THANKS BE TO GOD. ALLELUIA!

