

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.



PRELUDE

"That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"

arr. Cathy Stamegna

Emily Mastenbrook, Bassoon

EASTER GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes four verses of the hymn, and the second system includes the final lines of the hymn. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! 3 But the pains which He en - dured, 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia! Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Praise e - ter - nal as His love;"

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave,
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n-ly host,

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

Text: Latin, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3, alt.
 Tune: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

EASTER HYMN
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Luke 24:6-7; 1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:18; Psalm 98

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING OF PEACE *Easter Greeting: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!*
 along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **[C]** **And also with you.**

SENTENCES Isaiah 25:6-9

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,

People: of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

Pastor: And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

People: he will swallow up death for ever.

Pastor: 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,

People: for the Lord has spoken.

Pastor: It will be said on that day,

**People: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain (intro.)

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

Verse 1

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 2

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 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. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 4

For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you. ☒ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☒ **Amen.**

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Celtic Alleluia"
Choir

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.


SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 2:1-9

R Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying,
'I called to the LORD out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
You cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.
Then I said, "I am driven away
from your sight;
how shall I look again
upon your holy temple?"
The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me for ever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O LORD my God.
As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.
Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

intro: one chord



C Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again 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.**

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: strife. say: God, “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! He is liv - ing!” All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”
Choir, Percussionists

Trad. Tanzanian

Stand

OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER



introduction

C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, ' and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give
us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PREFACE

[P] The Lord be with you.



[C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.



[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[P] It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



[C] Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



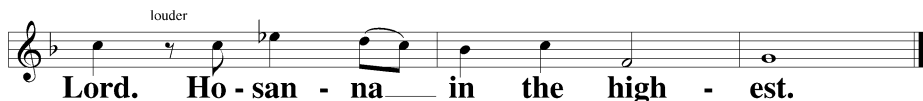
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] 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.


P 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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

THE LAMB OF GOD




C 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.

Sit


THE DISTRIBUTION *Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*

HYMN


"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

harmonized for part-singing


1) Hal - le - lu - jah! — Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2) Je - sus lives! Why — do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3) Je - sus lives! And — thus, my soul, Life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4) Je - sus lives! Let — all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.



From the gloom - y — halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 He who died our broth - er here Lives our broth - er still on high,
 Joined to him, your — liv - ing head, Where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a — no - bler song, Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.

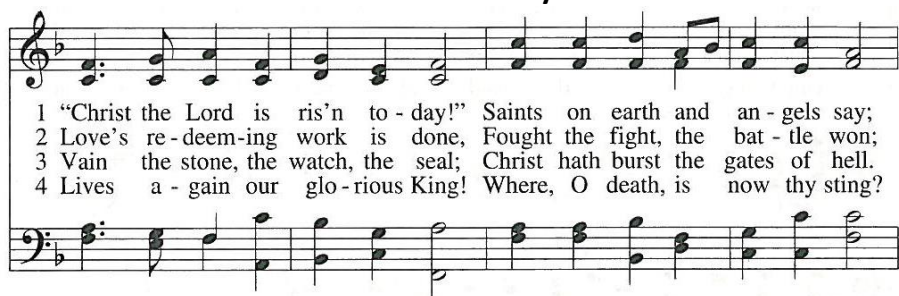


Bright fore - run - ner to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 Lives for - ev - er to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
 With the Lord, — at his right hand, As a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.

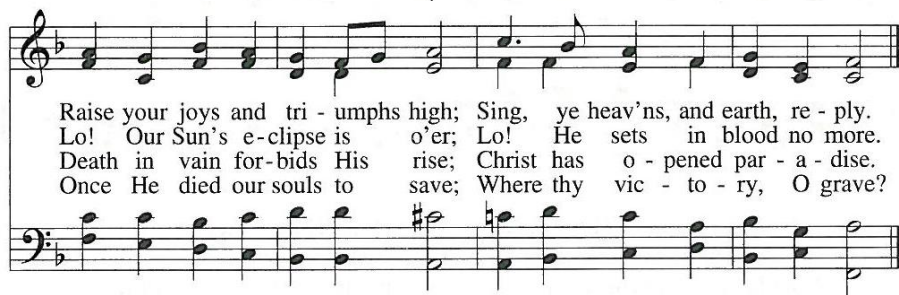
Sing the fifth stanza in unison:

- 5) Hal-le-lu-jah! An-gels sing!
 Join with us in hymns of praise.
 Let your cho-rus swell the strain
 Which our fee-ble voice raises:
 Glo-ry to our God a-bove
 And on earth his peace and love!

HYMN “Christ The Lord is Risen Today”



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
 2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
 Foll’wing our exalted Head.
 Made like Him, like Him we rise;
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

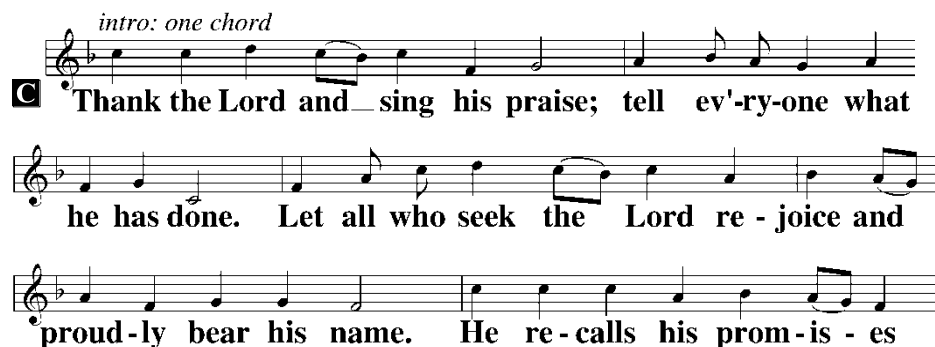
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

THE BLESSING

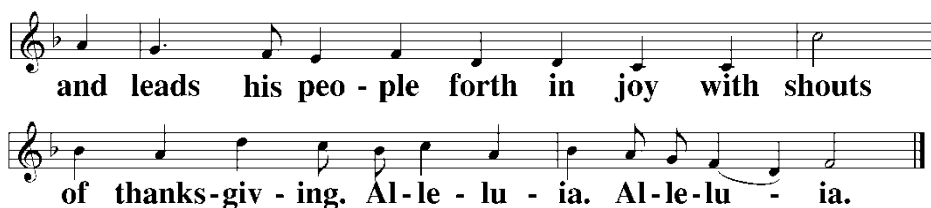
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

intro: one chord



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’-ry-one what
 he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and
 proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is - es



[P] Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C] Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC

Hallelujah! from Messiah
Chris Behrens, piano

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

"Sonate, Op. 168, Allegro Moderato"
Emily Mastenbrook, Bassoon

Camille Saint-Saens

Our Confession about Communion

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1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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