

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.



He
is
Risen!

PRELUDE

Celtic Alleluia

Finton O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Choir

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:24*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

EASTER GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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.' So 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C** **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;

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king,
 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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING OF PEACE

Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the greeting of peace.

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.**

PSALM *Psalm 118:15–21, 23; antiphon: v. 24*

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

C **the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

P I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

C **The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

C **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

P I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C **This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

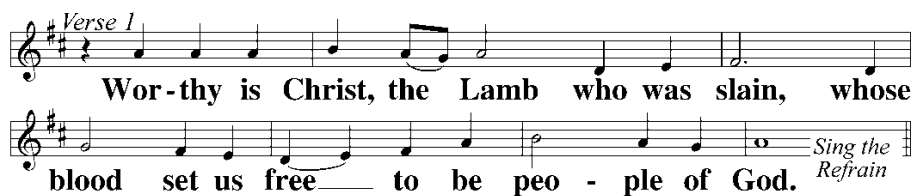
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

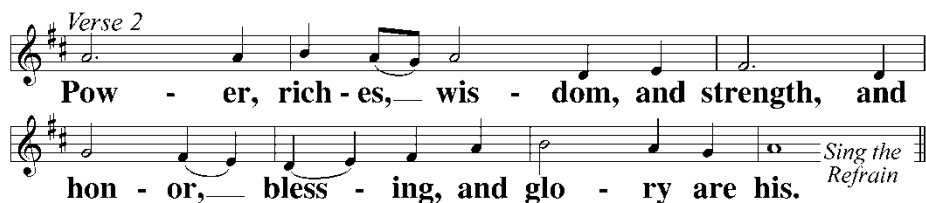
HYMN OF PRAISE

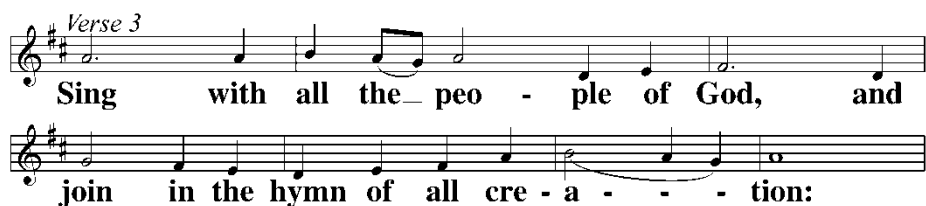
Refrain

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

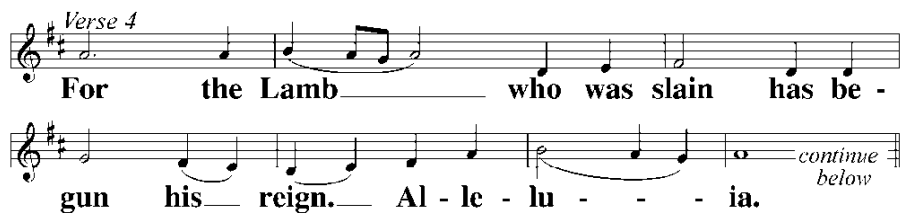

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

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*



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

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

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

he will swallow up death for ever.

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.

It 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.

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

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's Explanation

C **I believe 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ,**

Men **true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,**

Women: **and also truly human, born of the virgin Mary,**

C **is my Lord,**

Women: **who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;**

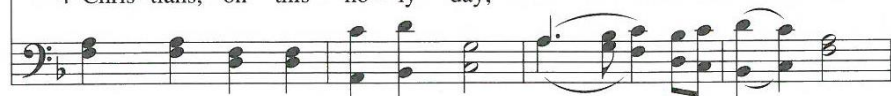
Men: **not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,**

C **that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

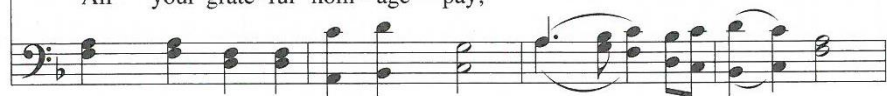
HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"



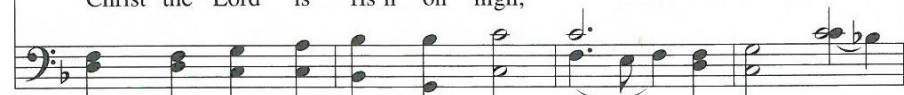
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day,



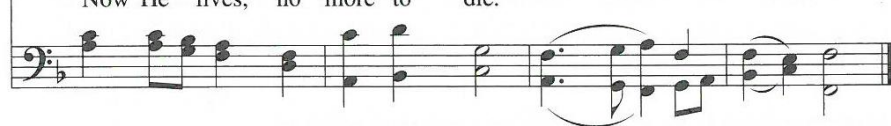
Chris - tians, has - ten on your way;
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled,
All your grate - ful hom - age pay;



Of - fer praise with love re - plete,
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life,
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet.
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife.
Now He lives, no more to die.



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: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, 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.

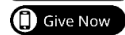
Sit

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.



MUSIC "Praise God's Holy Name Alleluia"

Choir

Cameroon

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.

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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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.
 softer
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 louder
 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. *(repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

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

HYMN

"At the Lambs High Feast!" v 1-4, 8

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
 Tune: *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566; setting: Jan O. Bender, 1909–94

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Ex. 12:22; Matt. 26:26–28; John 6:32–35; 1 Cor. 15:54–57

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v 1-2, 7, 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Job 19:25-27; Col. 1:18; Heb. 7:25; John 14:2-3

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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 - jice and
proud-ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is - es
and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts
of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to announce the Good News of Christ's resurrection so that many may join us at the Lamb's high feast; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

MUSIC

Hallelujah! from Messiah

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley



Our Confession about Communion

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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