



Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST
IS RISEN
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Alleluia

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Introduction to the day

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our everyday is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

Gathering Song :

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”



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



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



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



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

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.**

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how 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. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not 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. 42 He 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. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

2 **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

17 **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

19 **Open 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."

21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Solo (9:00 a.m.)

“Laudamus Te”

W.A. Mozart

Choir Anthem (10:45 a.m.)

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”

arranged by James Koerts

words and music by: Keith & Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Evidently expecting to find Jesus’ corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 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. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of

sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

Hymn of the Day:

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

st. 1, 2, 5, 6,



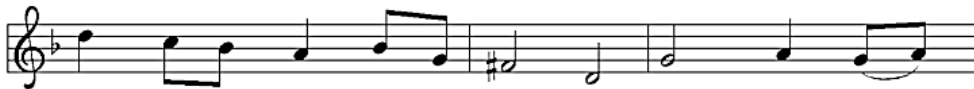
Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



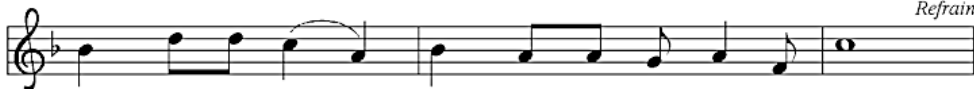
day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



<i>Easter 1</i>	All	the	fair	beau - ty	of	earth	from the
<i>Ascension 1</i>	He	who	was	nailed	to	the cross	is . .
<i>Pentecost 1</i>	Bright	and	in	like - ness	of	fire,	on . .
3	God	the	Al - might - y,	the	Lord,	the	. .
5	Spir - it	of	life	and	of	pow'r,	now . .



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry thing good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

Refrain



Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
Pentecost 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



death, new life you give to us all:
bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future.

Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,

who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.

We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.

We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.

Prayers of Intercession

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. Kindle new life in your church, bless new ministries and mission work, and nourish all of creation with life-giving rains. Empower nations with hope for peace and reconciliation, raise up leaders committed to justice, and bring hope to those in need—the hungry, homeless, and those who are ill or grieving.

Awaken new life in our hearts and community, giving us courage to share your love boldly. We remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead, trusting in the promise of resurrection and the hope of eternal life. We commend these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering/Choir Anthem: (9:00 a.m.) ***“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”***

arranged by James Koerts
words and music by: Keith & Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash

Solo: (10:45 a.m.)

“Laudamus Te”

W.A. Mozart

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.

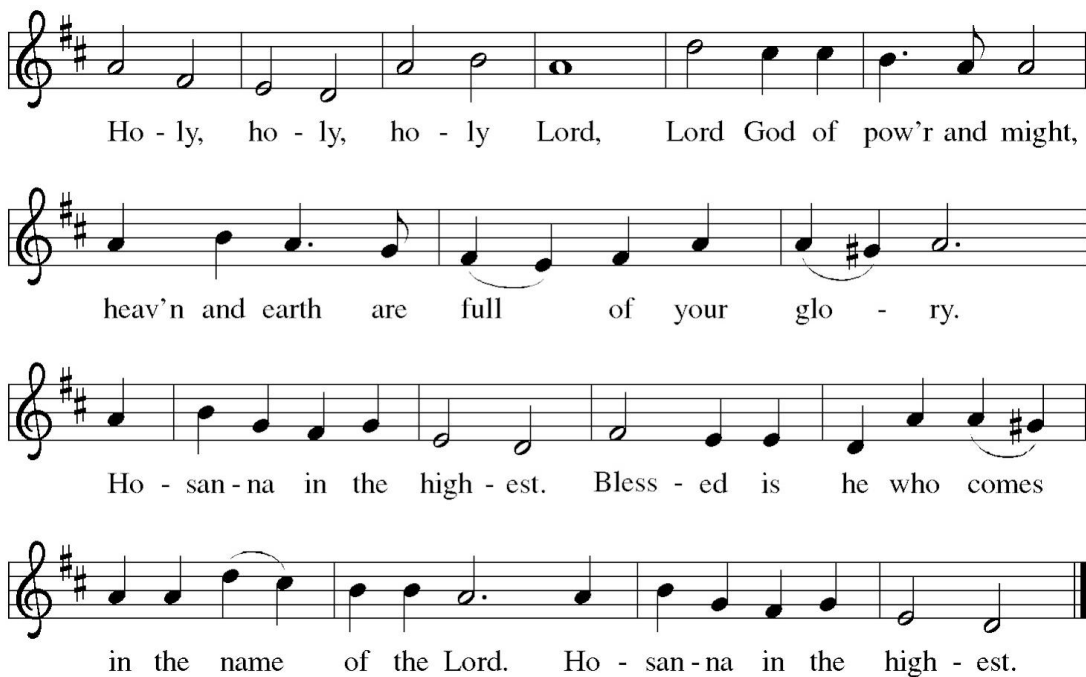
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music is simple and hymn-like, with a clear melodic line and a steady rhythm.

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,
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, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the Wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun, moon,
and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

*Our communion bread is always gluten-free. For those with greater allergen concerns, sealed
gluten-free communion kits are available on the front table.*

Communion Song



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; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

"Thine Is the Glory" ELW #376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” WOV #671

Refrain F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm, B^b C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B^b C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song:

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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