

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY



Says Who?

March 31, 2024

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AS WE GATHER

When Isaiah wrote about God's plans in terms of a feast, people may have wondered, "Says who?" The prophecy wasn't clear, and the resurrection of Jesus was still centuries in the future. If the women at the tomb decided to tell someone later, they might not have been believed. But today's Epistle includes a list of those who did hear and see Jesus Himself, including Paul, who had persecuted the church. We are here because untold millions of our brothers and sisters heard God's Word, came to faith, and couldn't keep the news to themselves. Who told you? Whom will you tell? And if anyone asks, "Says who?" invite them to join us in worship to hear for themselves.

Festive Introit for Easter

John Cowan Trumpet

*Alleluia joyfully sing!
Let the heavens resound with music.
Alleluia joyfully sing!
Let the alleluias ring.*

*Christ has conquered death and sin.
Now a brand new day begins
Alleluia joyfully sing!
He is risen, Jesus our Savior and King!*

Pastor: We join this morning with our brothers and sisters around the globe, indeed with all the saints throughout time, confessing our Easter Faith.

APOSTLE'S CREED

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker 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.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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1st verse – Solo

2nd and 3rd verses - Congregation

4 verses – Congregation and Trumpet



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 ye	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!

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APOSTLE'S CREED CONTINUED

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24

Pastor: The light of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

People: **Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.**

Pastor: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

People: **Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.**

Pastor: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

People: **Our Lord has kept all God's promises!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

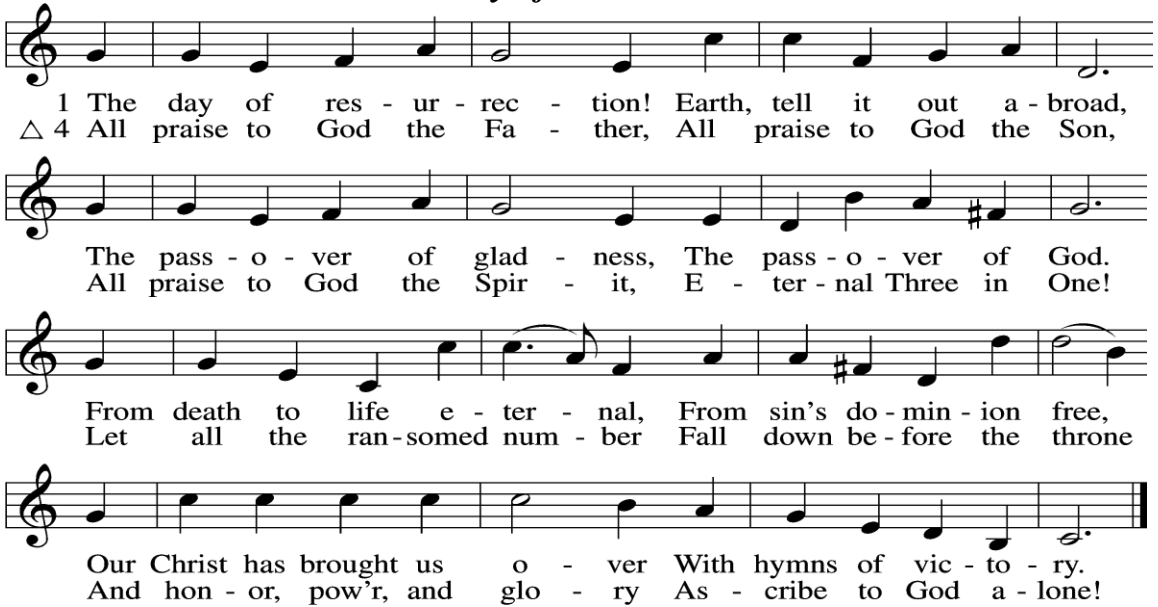
Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,
The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!
From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne
Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore give voice to those sins, confessing our faults and failures to one another and to God Himself.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! God has not merely overlooked your faults; He has not missed your failures; and He knows the frailty of the human condition. Rather, He became one of us as Jesus, who died to pay for every sin of yours and your sinfulness itself. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are forgiven indeed!

In the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

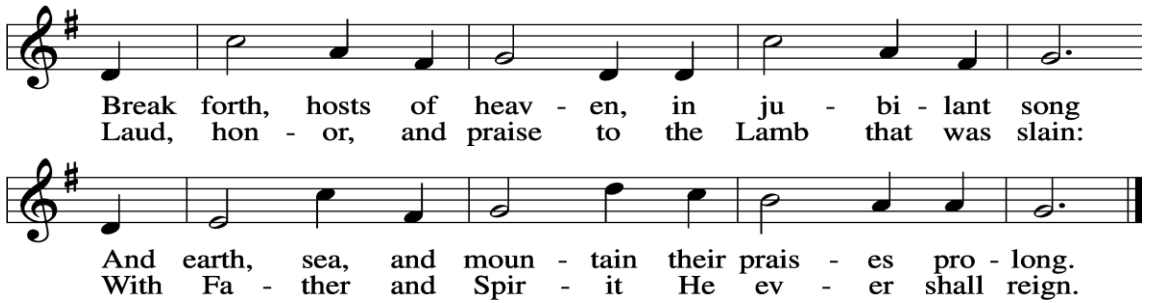
He's Risen, He's Risen

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1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Lord of Life, Creator of all things, by Your mighty power You raised Your Son, our Savior, to life from death.

People: **We cannot understand this startling reversal, but pray that You keep us ever mindful of this good news so that we may live each day in triumphant gladness;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well

refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up

death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said

on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom

are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right

side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
△ 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!
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
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
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!
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, and all others we name in our hearts, that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

Jesus Is Risen

Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed.
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Let all the heavens ring,
Let all creation sing, Jesus is risen indeed.

CHORUS: Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed.
Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen, Let the world praise His name.
Let every tongue proclaim, Jesus is risen, Jesus is risen indeed.

For three days the tomb was still
For three days the grave hid life.
For three days earth's heart was broken, silence ruled endless night.
Then the dawn brought alleluias and hope of everlasting light.

Chorus

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you.

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

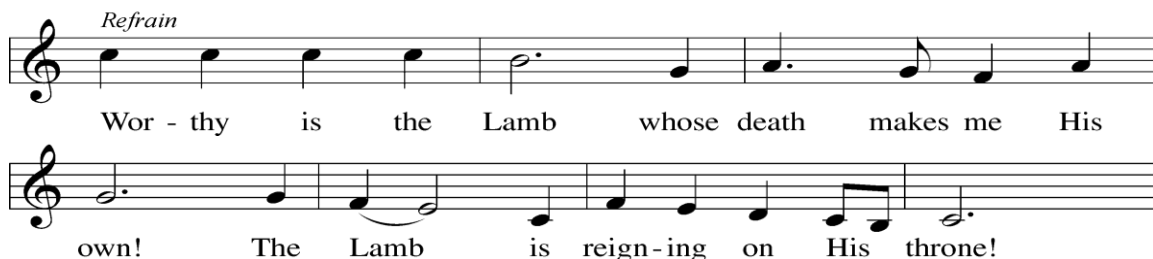
LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

AGNUS DEI

The Lamb

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DISTRIBUTION

Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sin, salvation, and eternal life. All who are baptized and repent of their sins are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

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 live in the startling reality that Christ is alive and with us each day until we join saints and angels around His banquet table; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you with unexpected joy and gladness and keep you in His grace.
The Lord look on you, showering you with His great love
The Lord look on you with favor to promise you resurrection ✕ and eternity with Him.

.People: **Amen.**

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469



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!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Bible Study following our service next week. We will be having a congregational meeting focusing on the pastoral description developed from the survey we took. This will be voted on, regarding the requirements of our constitution. We would encourage full participation from our members and associates.

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For with you is the fountain of life;



in your light we see light. Psalm 36:9

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Schedule
Sunday

Chancel Choir Practice	8:30 am
Sunday Worship	10:00 am
Bible Study	11:15 am

Tuesday

Mid-week Bible Study	10:00 am
3 rd Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Royal Cafe	8:30 am

Wednesday

Quilters	9:00 am
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Thursday

1 st and 3 rd week	
Permission to Grieve Group	10:00 am

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday (9am-2pm)

****Closed Friday****

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