

Easter Day  
Worship Leader Bulletin

April 4, 2021

8:00AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

*“This Joyful Eastertide”*  
*Brass Ensemble and Lori Murray, Organ*

*Arr. Sondra K. Tucker*

EASTER GREETING (*Stephanie*)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: 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.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

GATHERING HYMN

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*  
*Featuring Brass Ensemble*

**ELW #365**

**Verse 1**

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

**Verse 4**

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia  
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

LITANY (*Stephanie*)

L: Loving God, as we encounter the pain of the cross and the earth-shattering power of the resurrection, help us to confess.

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we cannot see Jesus in the brokenness of our world, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we feel discouraged and confused, and our expectations are shattered, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When all hope is lost, and we see death, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we grieve with broken hearts, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: When we hear Jesus call us by name, remind us:

**C: Jesus is alive. Alleluia!**

L: Jesus is alive and remains with us always.

**C: Amen. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Holy Lord Jesus, on this day we rejoice in your glory and stand in awe of how you have transformed this world with your dying and your rising. Receive our joyful praise.

**C: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*“The Strife is O’er”*  
*Bells of Praise*

*arr. Douglas Wagner*

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Becky Olson*)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: 'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.' I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

ELW #369

*Verses 1, 3 & 4*

*Featuring Bells of Praise*

**Verse 1**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love repleted, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife, Alleluia!

**Verse 4**

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage page; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

**Verse 3**

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

*After each petition:*

L: Risen Lord,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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MEAL

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ANTHEM

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”

*Arr. Jon Paige*

*St. Luke’s Choir*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Pastor Rob*)

DIALOGUE (*Rob*)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: As we prepare to receive this gift of life and forgiveness, let us take a moment of silent confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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SENDING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: As you prepare to go into the world, strengthened by this meal you will receive on your way, please receive this blessing: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

**ELW #367**

*Featuring Brass Ensemble*

**Verse 1**

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here;  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings;  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Now still he comes to give us life  
And by his presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Verse 4**

Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,

To Spirit blest most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

“O Happy Day”  
*Brass Ensemble*  
*Mark Chelgren, Trumpet*  
*Tina Cavitt – Trumpet*  
*Sean Smith – Trombone*  
*Andy Hayden – Euphonium*

*Edward Francis Rimbault/  
Thomas H. Graf*

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