

Easter Day  
Worship Leader Bulletin

April 9, 2023

8:00 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE *Sinfonia from "Ihr lieben Christen, Freut euch nun"* *Dietrich Buxtehude/  
Brass Ensemble and Organ* *Arr. Scott Hyslop*

EASTER GREETING *{Front Center}* (Rob)

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 *{Front Center}* (Rob)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

Mark Bergherr, Council President

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"  
*Featuring Brass Ensemble*

**ELW #365**  
*arr. John Ferguson*

**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 3**

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. 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!

**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!

+LITANY *{Front Center}* (Assistant)

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!**

+KYRIE *{Front Center}* (cantor and congregation)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE (*congregation*)

“This Is the Feast”

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**C: Refrain:**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**Refrain**

**4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

**Refrain**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and the seas; and may prosper all who labor therein, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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FIRST READING (*Joy Lindgren*)

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL FANFARE {*Cross and Bible, Center Aisle*}

+GOSPEL READING {*Center Aisle*} (*Rob*)

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON {*Pulpit*}

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

**Verse 1**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Cherubim sing; O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

**Refrain**

**Refrain**

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Verse 5**

City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM!

**Refrain**

**Verse 4**

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

**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 *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

*After each petition:*

L: Risen Lord,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

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MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (Rob)

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**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: 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, through 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 *(brief intro)*

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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**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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Thine Is the Glory”  
*Bells of Praise*

*Jason Krug*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”  
*St Luke's Choir, Piccolo and Snare Drum*

*arr. John Ferguson*

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your fits to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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## SENDING

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+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Now may the God of peace -- who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will, through the power of Jesus Christ. All glory to him forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus”  
*Congregation, St. Luke's Choir, Piano, Brass*

*George Frederic Handel*

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Are Telling”  
*Brass Ensemble and Organ*

*Ludwig Van Beethoven/  
S. Drummond Wolff*

*Shannon Pierce, Trumpet  
Jim Koslowski, Trumpet  
Sean Smith, Trombone  
Darrell Thorstenson, Trombone*

*Trudy Dahl, Piccolo  
Jesse Myers, Snare Drum*