

Easter Day
Worship Leader Bulletin

April 20, 2025

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Seasonal Procession”
St. Luke’s Choir and Bells of Praise

Cynthia Dobrinski

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)

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
Featuring Organ & Brass Ensemble

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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}* (Angela Hansen)

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 *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L: Risen Messiah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer.

C: Amen.

Verse 1 (Choir)

O God, beyond all praising,
 we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing
 that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder
 at ev'ry gift you send,
 at blessings without number
 and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you
 and wait upon your word,
 we honor and adore you,
 our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 3 (Congregation)

Then hear, O gracious Savior,
 accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favor
 may serve you as our King;
 and whether our tomorrows
 be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty
 and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty
 our sacrifice of praise.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*Andrea*)FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Bette Gamboni*)1st Corinthians 15:50-58

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound (*pause for trumpet sound*), and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.' 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.+GOSPEL FANFARE {*Cross and Bible, Center Aisle*}+GOSPEL READING {*Center Aisle*} (*Rob*)

Luke 24:1-12

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

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

Verse 1

Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his Church below.

Verse 5

Hallelujah! Angels sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!

Verse 2

Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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}* (Angela Hansen)

After each petition:

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

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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 one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

MEAL

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 power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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

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L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use this time to prepare your offering. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”
Lori Murray, Organ & St Luke’s Choir

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} (Rob)*

L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

+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 The Holy Spirit. All glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever!

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

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

George Frederic Handel

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

C: Christ is Risen indeed.

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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

Vruechten, arr. Sondra K. Tucker

<p><i>Brass Ensemble</i> <i>Shannon Pierce, Trumpet</i> <i>John Cowles, Trumpet</i> <i>Sean Smith, Trombone</i> <i>Andy Hayden, Trombone</i></p>
