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HOLY COMMUNION

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 + 9:30 am

Exploring the promise of God for all

Christ the green blade rises from the barren earth

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Acts and Corinthians fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Ode to Joy"

Jubilate Bells

At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(*hymn*) ELW 365

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

GREETING

P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST *setting 3, ELW p. 140*

“This Is the Feast”

REFRAIN:

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

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

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

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*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

The presider continues with words of welcome.

WORD

CHILDREN'S WORD

Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

God raised Jesus on the third day

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

Luke writes:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

... Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day. (118:24)

for choir, cantor and congregation

Congregation joins on refrain:

**C This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

Witnesses to the risen Christ

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Paul writes to the church at Corinth:

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe.

... Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION

tune: ELW 386

The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus gave his life for us,

Rose from death victorious.

He goes ahead to Galilee. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The resurrection is announced

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and 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. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ!

The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses.

tune: ELW 386

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(hymn) **ELW 389**

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

stanza 1, 2, 3, 5

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.**
- 3 In ev’ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
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NICENE CREED

A With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

MEAL

PEACE

P The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

OFFERING

When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

ELW # 377

Choir & congregation:

Brokering/Johnson

1 & Refrain – all

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2 & Refrain – women

**Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant
surprise. Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

3 & Refrain – men

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

4 & Refrain – choir

*Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

5 & Refrain – all

**City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

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Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,

with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,

that our eyes may be opened

to see your presence among us,

and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C it is right to give our thanks and praise.

P ...and join their unending hymn: *(setting 3, p. 144)*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n 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.**

The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (1789)

**C Our Father who art 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

setting10; ELW page 208

**C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,
we pray.**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;

you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the world away;
eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,
we pray.

Silence for reflection concludes the communion.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray.

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

SENDING DIALOG

A We have heard the holy and saving gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.

A We have been nurtured at the holy table
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

C We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation

in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.

P Go out from this Easter assembly
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

C Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

P May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

(hymn) **ELW 382**

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia"

stanzas 1, 2, 4

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;

through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
A Go in peace. Share the good news.
C Thanks be to God.

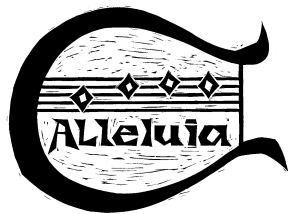
POSTLUDE

“Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia”

Lani Smith

You are welcomed to be seated and enjoy the postlude if you wish.

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Dave Olson, *assisting minister*

Cheryl Sundly, *reader*

Name, *crucifer*

Name, *butterfly banner; bell trees*

Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*

Chancel Choir

Dave Larson, Julie Larson, *technology desk*

Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*

Steve Ristuben, Justin Fischer, *ushers*

Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*

xxx, *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Brian & Jodi Wirth

in honor of Alison's birthday. Happy Birthday Allison!

If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

WORSHIP LIFE

Alleluia. It is our worship word. It is a gift word; a thanksgiving word. It is our Easter word. It is God's Easter word. It is a celebration word; a praise word. It means Praise God! Deo Gratia! Allelu Yahweh! Yahoo Yahweh!

Alleluia. It is a word we don't deserve. It is a word we can use only because of what God has done for us. We remember the times when we could do nothing but sing Alleluia; when we were amazed, dumb-founded, fumbling over ourselves in bewilderment: - when God painted a rainbow after a flood and we survived! Alleluia! - when God made good on the promises to Sarah! Alleluia! - when God made a covenant with us! Alleluia! - when God lead us into a promised land! Alleluia! - when God raised up dry bones to life! Alleluia! - when God was there in the fiery furnace! Alleluia! - when God was there, even when we strayed! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the bonds of slavery! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from the Red Sea and the wilderness! Alleluia! - when God delivered us from Goliath and from the den of lions! Alleluia! - when God sent the prophets, holy men and

holy women, to speak of his love, to call us home, and to promise us a savior! Alleluia! - when God sent not just a savior but a beloved Son! Alleluia! - when God walked with us, shared our joys and our sorrows, taught us to forgive each other, showed us how to love, showed us how to serve each other, left his supper, gave his life! Alleluia! - when God raised him to live and promises to raise us too! Alleluia! - when God breathed the breath of the Spirit into us! Alleluia!

WELCOME

Everyone is welcome. We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org

Children are welcome at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

Welcome to the Holy Baptism. All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

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