

LARGE PRINT EDITION



HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024 + 9:30 am

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Learn Live and Share God's Word

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

GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them.*

PRELUDE

"Easter Hymn"

arr. Edw. Broughton

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

EASTER PROCLAMATION

(repeated three times)

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 384

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**
- 4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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.

Almighty God,

with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection.

By the grace of Christ among us, enable us

to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

CHILDREN'S WORD

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

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

The believers' common life

Acts 4:32–35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

Luke writes:

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

... Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 133 ICEL

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (133:1)

A How good it is, how wonderful,
wherever people live as one!

C It is like sacred oil on the head
flowing down Aaron's beard,
down to the collar of his robe.

A It is like the dew of Hermon

running down the mountains of Zion.

C There God gives blessing:

life for ever.

A How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity!

C Give praise to the Father Almighty;

to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;

to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;

both now and forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Walking in the light

1 John 1:1—2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

... 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.

Not fearful, but believing be. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

John 20:19–31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Lord appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 635

“We Walk by Faith”

**1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,**

**O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:**

**4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.**

**5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.**

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

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.

Offertory Hymn (congregation)

(hymn) **WOV 671**

"Alleluia! Give Thanks"

stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

Refrain

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
holy is the king of creation. Refrain**
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.**

**3 We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live.... forever.**

**5 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain**

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950
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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.**

The assisting minister pours out the wine.

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

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.
They told what had happened on the road and
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

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 SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) ELW 376

"Thine Is the Glory"

**1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

**3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

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

“The Lord Reigneth”

arr. Lani Smith

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*

Sinéad Carolan, *assisting minister*
 Allison Gurney, *reader*
 ..., *crucifer, banners; bell tree*
 Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*
 Erik Ruser, Myrna Flatland, *technology desk*
 Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*
 Al Erickson, Patrick Kutzer, *ushers*
 David Larson, *bus ministry*
 Bob & Barb Hollister *coffee hosts*

Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Bob and Barb Hollister
 in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary!
If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

This service is being streamed live on the internet.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below to volunteer to accomplish these projects:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Volunteer coverage	Steve P	During his vacation
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
Finance team	Karen Moeller	
Easter season processions	Pastor C/Ruth	Sundays through 5/19
Feed My Starving Children food packing	Audrey Erickson	Friday, April 12
Dramatized 1 st reading – 2 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, April 28 Ethiopian diplomat
Dramatized 1 st reading – 3 readers	Pastor C/Ruth	Sunday, May 12 Ascension
“Dust the wallpaper”	Steve: spring cleaning	pick a room, any room
Spring cleaning day		
GA talent show		

Lean Mean Body of Christ Machine
SIMPLIFY RE-CENTER OPEN UP
Becoming more nimble & flexible week by week

Becoming the Story We Tell

WORSHIP LIFE

The Pillar of Fire



What is this great paschal candle that stands in our midst, that during the Fifty Days of Easter seems always to be burning, never to go out?

It is the pillar of fire by which God led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom, through the dusty desert to the land flowing with milk and honey. Behind it, we marched freed from sin from the gloom of exile back into our church's house on Easter's morn.

It is the holy sign of Christ our Light. (Thanks be to God!) On it is the sign of Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. For it we pray: "Receive, O God, this Easter candle. Let it shine with the lights of heaven and bravely burn forever!" From it we take our own light, a flame divided but undimmed. All who are baptized walk in its glow.

For fifty days it shines gloriously in the assembly of the church. Then, held in a place of honor near the font, it is brought out and lit for every baptism and every funeral, every birth and every birth unto eternal life. And as the days and seasons turn, slowly this pillar of finest wax and strongest wick is consumed, burned down, eaten up by fire, sacrificed—like Christ himself—and never truly extinguished. And so it measures our days and seasons until it is Easter again, until once more we sing in the light of a new paschal candle: “May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ the Morning Star, who came back from the dead and shed his peaceful light on all people.” Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Christ is risen!



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.

Friends of Mt. Carmel...Stay connected

Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org for more information or to join.



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