

EASTER ACCLAMATION (From the entrance of the Sanctuary)

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Congregation will stand and face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

**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! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**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!**

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INVOCATION

**L: Let our worship begin in the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier:
the Father and the + Son and Holy Spirit.**
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF GRACE

L: Risen Christ, The world despised and rejected You.
C: You responded with grace, humility, and welcome.

L: The proud questioned your power, devised your death.
C: You responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life.

L: Forgive us, Merciful One,
C: Our arrogance. Our selfishness. Our scheming. Our violence.
L: Forgive us, Merciful One
C: We are like them; Make us like You.

Time of silent confession

**L: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today our Risen Christ speaks forgiveness and peace to
all who trust in Him.**
**C: With repentant hearts we joyfully welcome our Lord's unconditional grace and
forgiveness.**

L: The Risen Lord has promised you His resurrection power:
C: In Dying, He has destroyed death!
In Rising, He has restored life!

L: Baptized into His death and resurrection your sins are no more!
**C: Lord, thank You for forgiving us. Help to cling to Your ever-present compassion and
kindness toward us and teach us to walk daily in Your ways, forever trusting in Your
saving power. Amen.**

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CHORAL ANTHEMS Adult Choir, directed by Marty Lintvedt

**“Crown Him Lord of All!” Choral setting by Marty Parks
“Lift High the Cross” Setting by Paul Leddington Wright**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

C: Grant that we, who know the sweet joy of our Redeemer’s resurrection, may receive the inheritance of the promised land in heaven on the great day of our own resurrection, where we will experience eternal joy in Your presence;

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 50:22-26 (The death and burial of Joseph)

So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father’s house. Joseph lived 110 years. And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph’s own. And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Christ has been raised from the dead.)

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Alleluia! Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia!

SOLO "I Will Rise" Grayson Gorney

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12 (Jesus has risen!)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek 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 delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**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!**

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!

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!

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!

SERMON "Our Lenten Journey Ends at an Empty Tomb" Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

“Easter Glory”

Marcie Monaco, Flutist

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

With great joy and thanksgiving, we praise You, our Father in heaven, for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. By His life, death, and resurrection, He has granted us everlasting life with You. He has opened the way for us to know You forever and to live with confidence that You hear us when we pray, for:

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

C: He lives, my ever-living head.

L: In a world full of chaos and confusion, we find refuge in the fact that You are on Your throne as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Instead of foolishly looking to this world for our peace and purpose, help us, O Father, to look to Jesus, who is seated in power at Your right hand, for:

He lives all-glorious in the sky;

C: He lives exalted there on high.

L: We bring to You, faithful Lord, the needs of our lives and the concerns of those we love. For those who are hungry and hurting, doubting and dismaying, grant that the message of Christ’s resurrection bring restoration and peace, for we know:

He lives my hungry soul to feed;

C: He lives to help in time of need.

L: There are many among us who are in need, O Lord. For the sick, suffering, hurting, and ailing, we ask for Your healing touch upon every soul on our prayer list, and especially Gwen Kemp and Paul Kjosa. Help them to know that:

He lives to comfort me when faint;

C: He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

L: When the troubles of life seem overwhelming, steady us with Your presence, gracious God. Be the rock on which Your Church is built and through whom we confidently share the Good News of Christ’s resurrection with the world He died to save. When we waver, help us to remember:

He lives to calm my troubled heart;

C: He lives all blessings to impart.

- L: Death was not the end for Jesus; neither is it the end for those who trust in You. Give peace, hope, and the certainty of the coming Day of resurrection to all those who mourn and grieve, *especially* the Reynolds and Jackson families who mourn the passing of Loriann and Marybeth's cousin, Leonard Moravec. We are confident that:
He lives my mansion to prepare;
- C: He lives to bring me safely there.
- L: What a blessing it is to be in Your house today, Lord God, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! His triumph over sin, death, and the devil is the reason we rejoice this day, and every day, knowing that:
He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
- C: Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives! Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

SONG OF PRAISE "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633 (vss. 1,2,7,8)
(announce that we are only doing verses 1,2,7,8)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's power, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

PRAYER

- P:** Praise to You, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed Your mercy to us in granting us Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for the redemption prepared for us through Jesus Christ and pray You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that enlightened with a living faith, we might be worthy to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.
- C:** Amen.

- P:** Remember us in Your kingdom Lord, and teach us to pray, saying:
- All:** 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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C:** And also with you.

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

- P:** St Paul urges us to examine ourselves before receiving the Sacrament lest we eat and drink judgment upon ourselves. Let us prepare so that we truly recognize our sinful state, and have confident faith in His promise to forgive us in this meal.
- L:** We confess together:
- I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!
 - I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!
 - I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
 - I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God's help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!

P: Our sins have drawn us into this fellowship. In true faith let us receive this gift of grace. Only unbelief With this affirmation of faith you are well prepared to receive this Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

LSB 163

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, grant us peace.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Now with the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal together.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING "We Praise You, O God" (vs. 3)

With voices united our praises we offer

And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm with guide us

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN No. 461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (vss.1,2,7,8)

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence give:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

SENDING

**L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God!**

HAPPY EASTER!