

GRACE LUTHERAN



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 118:1, 5-7, 14, 17, 22-24 & John 14:19)*

Vicar: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His mercy endures forever!

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Leader: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Leader: The Lord is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: **Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: **Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Hymn 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: On this day we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave. We also remember why Christ went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for His suffering and death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek His mercy.

People: **Most merciful God, it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that His lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of His resurrection, enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: We cry to You for mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (*Romans 4:25*). In the mercy of Almighty God, His Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and justifies you, making you holy in His sight. His mercy endures forever because His love for you is steadfast.

People: **Amen.**

*EASTER SONG

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Hymn 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Lector: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lector: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.)

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

***THE SERMON HYMN**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

"See What a Morning" (Resurrection Hymn)

1. **See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce "Christ is risen!"
 See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
 Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
 Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
 Christ is risen from the dead!**

2. **See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
 The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
 Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
 Will sound till He appears, for He lives:
 Christ is risen from the dead!**

3. **One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
 And we are raised with Him, death is dead,
 Love has won, Christ has conquered;
 And we shall reign with Him,
 for He lives Christ is risen from the dead!**

THE SERMON

"Triumphantly Risen!"

***THE SONG OF RESPONSE** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *Hymn 465*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!” Al - le -
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Al - le -
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***THE PRAYERS**

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

Gracious Father, in Your great compassion, You accepted the sacrifice of Your Son, who suffered death on behalf of our sin. In His glorious resurrection, You raised Him to life again; and by many proofs, He revealed Himself alive, that we may know the favor You have for us through Him.

People: **By Your Word and Spirit, strengthen us in the true faith, that our trust in You may be confident throughout our lives and result in glorious triumph with You in eternity.**

Leader: Merciful God, through Christ our Savior, You won salvation for people of every nation, tribe, race and language. Grant that the Easter Gospel of Your Son may have free course, that the good news of Your salvation in Christ Jesus may be preached, heard, believed, and confessed throughout the earth.

People: **By Your mercy, send forth Your Holy Spirit, that all sinners may be brought to repentance and faith, refreshed in hope and love, delivered from death and the devil, and led into everlasting life and triumphant salvation.**

Leader: Living Lord Jesus, by Your death You destroyed the power of death, and by Your resurrection You opened the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in Your name.

People: **We ask that You grant mercy and hope to all those who face death and give comfort to all who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they may be strengthened by Your resurrection and confidently look to You for the resurrection of our bodies and the triumphant life of the world to come.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 BENEDICTION**

Leader: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son to certain death in order to give us life, the Son, who left the tomb open on this day of His rising, and the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be messengers of the resurrection—be upon you in triumph, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Vicar: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***THE RECESSIONAL HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**
(vv. 1-2, 6-8)

Hymn 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

***THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in Easter peace and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**



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