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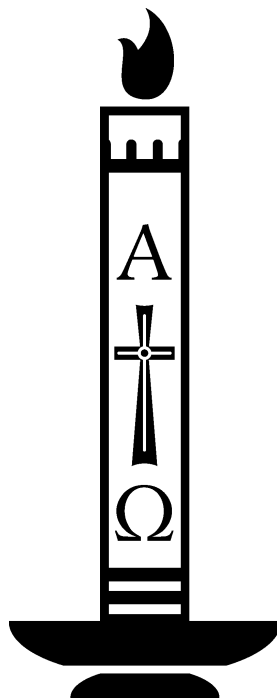
The Day of the RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter.

The story of the women moving toward the empty tomb. We hear the voice of the risen Lord in the scriptures. We receive his body and blood in the holy supper. We encounter him in our siblings and in all those in need who look for salvation. We are charged to go forth in daily life and proclaim with our words and deeds that we have seen the Lord. It is the day of resurrection, the day the Lord has made. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ to all who gather today for worship in this place. If you are a guest or visitor please introduce yourself to the minister after the service. We invite you to worship with us again.



Risen Today

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today
Hallelujah
Sons of man and angels say
Hallelujah
Raise your joys and triumphs high
Hallelujah
Sing ye heavens and earth reply

Verse 2

Love's redeeming work is done
Hallelujah
Fought the fight the battle won
Hallelujah
Death in vain forbid Him rise
Hallelujah
Christ has opened paradise

Chorus

Hallelujah He is risen
Hallelujah our sins have been forgiven
Now we have power over the grave
Christ the Lord is risen today

Verse 3

Lives again our glorious King
Hallelujah
Where O death is now thy sting
Hallelujah
Dying once our souls to save
Hallelujah
Where thy victory O grave

Chorus

Bridge

All creation sang hallelujah
The King is risen
Glory to the name of our risen Lord
Let all the earth proclaim hallelujah
Our sin's forgiven
Glory to Your name forevermore

Chorus

Ending

We have power over the grave
Christ the Lord is risen today

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who through the death and resurrection of his Son has redeemed us, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

Amen.

May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us from sin to newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever.

Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ, bring you to eternal life.

Amen.

And the blessing of the almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and go forth with you this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LITURGY OF LIGHT

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Beloved church,

behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
 How high the mountain I could not climb
 In desperation I turned to heaven
 And spoke Your name into the night
 Then through the darkness Your loving-
 kindness
 Tore through the shadows of my soul
 The work is finished the end is written
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
 What heart could fathom such boundless
 grace
 The God of ages stepped down from glory
 To wear my sin and bear my shame
 The cross has spoken I am forgiven
 The King of kings calls me His own
 Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ my living hope
 (REPEAT)

Verse 3

Then came the morning
 that sealed the promise
 Your buried body began to breathe
 Out of the silence
 the Roaring Lion
 Declared the grave
 has no claim on me
 (REPEAT)
 Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus 2X

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
 Oh God You are my living hope

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Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My Comforter my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 Scorned by the ones He came to save
 Till on that cross as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For every sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again
 And as He stands in victory
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
 This is the power of Christ in me
 From life's first cry
 to final breath
 Jesus commands my destiny
 No power of hell
 no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me
 from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ
 I'll stand

Ending

No power of hell
 no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me
 from His hand
 Till He returns or calls me home
 Here in the power of Christ
 I'll stand

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HOLY COMMUNION

The ministry of Word and Sacrament at Trinity Lutheran Church is conducted in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Holy Communion is celebrated here in the confidence that we are receiving from our Lord all that he promises when he gives his body and blood to eat and to drink. In the Sacrament we are most fully one with Christ and with one another, and in this Meal we are nourished to live in faithfulness to Christ and his Word and in forgiveness and in love toward one another. The Lutheran church teaches that all Christians are welcome at this table because Christ is our Host, and Christ invites all to be nourished at his table.

COMMUNION SONGS

O Come To the Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus 2x

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2x

Instrumental

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for
the crown
Tell the world of the treasure
you've found

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Christus Victor (Amen)

Verse 1

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah, Amen

Verse 2

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah, Amen

Verse 3

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with
splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Chorus 2

Bridge

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Chorus 2

Tag

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah, amen, amen

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EASTER DIALOG

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!
He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection!
Alleluia!

Rejoice then, even in your distress.
We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.
God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

KIDS' PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed,
at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
**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.**

OFFERTORY

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen Lord, you have given everything—your life, your love, your victory over the grave. In return, we offer these gifts—tokens of our trust, signs of our surrender, symbols of our shared joy in your risen life. Use what we give to lift the weary, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, to shelter the broken, to proclaim with boldness: He is risen, indeed. **Amen.**

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death
where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

Ending

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

READING: JEREMIAH 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to *John, the 20th chapter.*

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY *Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Verse 1

One day when heaven
was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified, freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day (glorious day)

Verse 2

One day they led Him
up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

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Verse 3

One day the grave could
conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled
away from the door
Then He arose over
death He had conquered
Now is ascended
my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Chorus

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound
for His coming
One day the skies
with His glories will shine
Wonderful day
my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Chorus

Ending

O glorious day, glorious day
O glorious day

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

OFFERING

Today we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We sing wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration, and joy! But in reality, every Sunday in the Christian church is an Easter Sunday because we celebrate Christ's resurrection every Sunday. Thank you for your generous weekly offerings. The gifts of your time, your ability, and your money make it possible for Trinity Lutheran Church to proclaim the resurrection and share the love of Christ everyday.

