



WORSHIP SERVICE

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

†WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

†THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

♪ GATHERING HYMN ~ The Day of Resurrection!

ELW #361

Verse 1:

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Verse 2:

Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.

Verse 3:

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

Verse 4:

All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

†GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C: And also with you.

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

†LESSONS: Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (vs. 2)

HS #746

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

†GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (vs. 4)

HS #746

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

†SERMON

Pastor Penni Walsh

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ~ We Walk By Faith

ELW #635

Verse 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."

Verse 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!"

Verse 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:

Verse 4:

For you, O resurrected Lord,

are found in means divine:

beneath the water and the word,

beneath the bread and wine.

Verse 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.

†THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

†PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

†SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Please share that peace with one another.

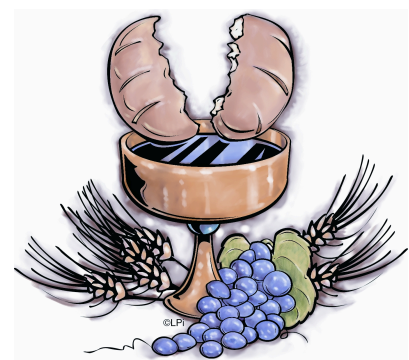
†OFFERING

Please pass the offering plates as directed by the ushers.

♪OFFERING HYMN ~ Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Verse 1:
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Verse 2:
Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?



ELW #392

†OFFERING PRAYER

P: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:
C: **Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world. Amen.**

MEAL

†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.**

♪ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (from "Tree of Life" setting)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

†WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†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 MEAL IS SHARED

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. Those at home will be communed first.
The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts. You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor.
Then the assisting minister will offer you a pre-filled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).*

†COMMUNING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

♪COMMUNION HYMN ~ Day of Arising

ELW #374

Verse 1:
Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

Verse 3:
Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Verse 2:
When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Verse 4:
Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

♪COMMUNION HYMN - Come and See by Lenny LeBlanc

Wall

Verse 1:
Come and see the glory of the Lord.
Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and see the mercy of the King,
Bowing down before him.

Verse 3:
Come and see the glory of the Lord.
Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and see the mercy of the King,
Bowing down before him.

Verse 2:
Come and give thanks unto the Lord.
Come, behold the Lamb.
Come and sing the praises of the King,
Bowing down before him.

Chorus:
For he is Lord above the heavens,
Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels,
Worthy to be served.
Alleluia. Alleluia Lord.

Chorus:
For he is Lord above the heavens,
Lord in all the earth,
Lord of all the angels,
Worthy to be served.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

†COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Let this meal be a reminder of God's triumph -- love over death, hope over fear, and joy over sadness. Let us all be the message of new life we have experienced today. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SENDING

†BENEDICTION

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♪SENDING SONG ~ *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

ELW #377

Verse 1:

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain:

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Verse 2:

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. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Verse 4:

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. *Refrain*

Verse 5:

City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

†DISMISSAL

P: May the loving power of our God who raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill you with joy. Go in peace, and feel the presence of the Risen Jesus go with you, now and forever.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

♪POSTLUDE



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