## Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

## Worship at 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude** Andante ~ Felix Mendelssohn

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### Call to Worship

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Love is alive!

Surely God is in this place.

**Gathering Hymn** Hail Thee, Festival Day ~ ELW 394

#### **Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia

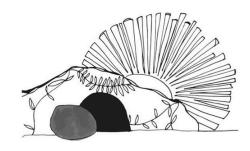
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#### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you

#### and also with you

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### First Reading Acts 10: 34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118 This is the Day

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

**Gospel Acclamation** Be Not Afraid ~ ELW 388

Gospel Reading 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.

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

...

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

#### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! ~ ELW 377

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in resurrection—

mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,

like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning—

in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus—

who calls us by name and asks,

"Who are you looking for?"

So we look—

for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.

And as we look, we sing,

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" Amen.

#### **Prayers**

Each petition ends, May the light of Christ shine upon them (us). And we respond, May the light of Christ shine upon them (us).

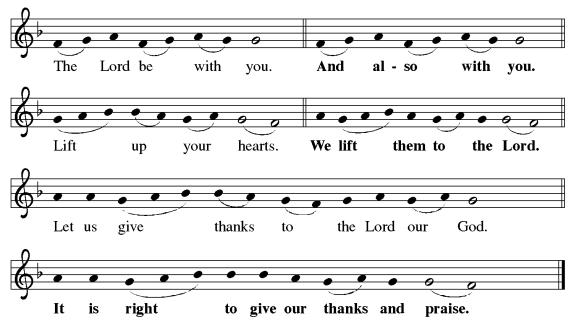
**Musical Offering** Now the Green Blade Rises ~ arr. Erik Whitehill (All Saints Choir) We do not pass the offering plate, but we welcome financial gifts to be placed in the basket at the door of the church.

Offering Hymn That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright ~ ELW 384 (vs. 1-2)

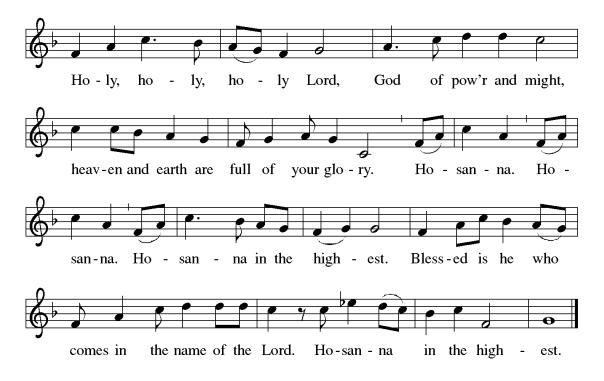
## **Offering Prayer**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Holy Communion**



It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:



#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **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
Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

#### Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

<u>Communion Hymns</u> Jesus Christ is Risen Today ~ ELW 365

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! ~ ELW 382

## **Blessing after Communion**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **Blessing**

May God who finds us in our seeking and brings us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

**Closing Hymn** Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds ~ ELW 367

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Arrival of the Queen of Sheba ~ George Frideric Handel

#### **Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church**

We are glad you are here! Our gathering is made more complete by your presence, and we hope that you are gifted by Christ among us, as well. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask as usher or someone who looks like they know what they are doing.

#### Who Can Come to the Meal?

You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at the table, whether you are a guest or a member, believer or doubter. God offers this meal to you and all creation so that you will know you are loved and invited into the community of God's people. All ages are welcome.

#### **Rest Rooms**

Men's and Women's rest rooms are located in the hall south of the sanctuary (to your right as you sit in the church). Family/non-gender rest rooms are located down the west hall behind the kitchen.

## **Assistive Listening**

If you require assistive listening device, please see the ushers or pick one up from the sound board at the south of the sanctuary.

#### Offering

We collect an offering of financial gifts as part of our worship, symbolizing our response to God's generosity, demonstrating that our money is meant to serve God.



Pastor Kristin Schultz
Organist Nathan Cleaveland

Ensemble Director Erin Reil

Thank you to all our musicians – the Adult Choir, Hallelujah Ringers, and Grace Notes – for providing a feast of music today. Today and every Sunday, you give us joy.

## MISSION STATEMENT

# As God's forgiven people:

- + We welcome all in Christ's love.
- + We grow together in faith and life.
- + We go out to love and serve others.



All Saints is a Reconciling in Christ community, which means we intentionally welcome people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex.



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## **Deadline for Submitting Articles:**

Items for the weekly annoucements - 1:00 pm Wednesday Articles for the monthly Newsletter - 20th of eah month.