

Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025

Worship at 10:00 a.m.



Prelude *Enigma Variations: Nimrod ~ Edward Elgar*

Welcome

Easter Call to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty! The stone has been rolled away!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Gathering Hymn *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ~ ELW 367*

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

And also with you.



Easter litany written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Liturgy & Hymns by Stephen M.
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Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

Building with Hope and Blessings

First Reading Acts 10: 34-43

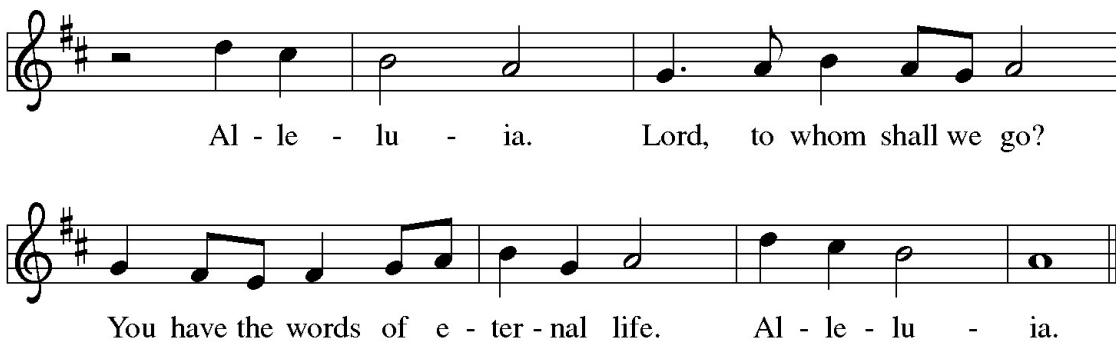
Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.



The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Jesus Christ is Risen Today ~ ELW 365*

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.
Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen

Prayers

Each petition ends, God of grace

And we respond, **hear our prayer**

Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always

And also with you

As you share a greeting of peace, some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

Set Free Your Alleluia! ~ arr. Joseph M. Martin
(All Saints Choir & Hallelujah Ringers)

Offertory Hymn

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment ~ ACS 1036 (vs. 1)

Offering Prayer

Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

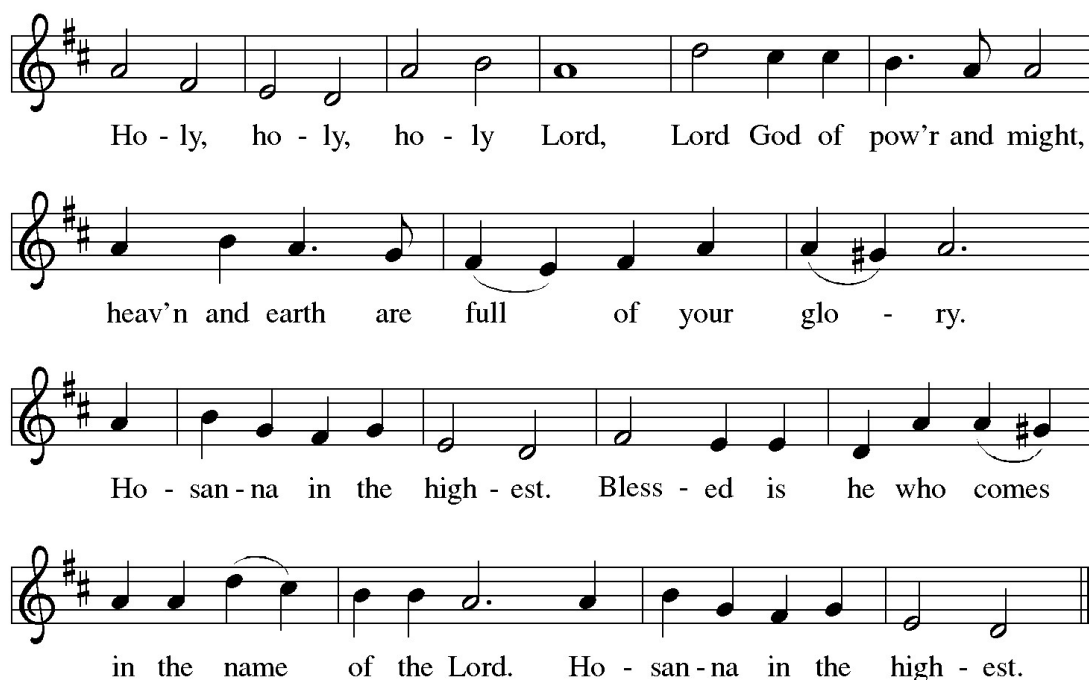
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. . .

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done ~ ELW 366

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ~ ELW 384

Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! ~ ELW 382

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Intrada ~ Grayston Ives

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church!
God's work. God's love. Our hands. Our voices.



We are called by Jesus to love God and one another. We recognize that each person is a unique creation made in the image of God and we commit ourselves to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to welcome them with radical hospitality. Therefore, we commit to the continuing work of anti-racism, liberation, and social justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of all people. This includes sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all who have experienced exclusion or abuse because of race, ability, body type, culture, nation of origin, or economic status. We affirm the sacredness of those who struggle, whether it be with addiction, physical or mental health, or the things that seek to divide us from each other. **Know that you are accepted and affirmed just as you are, no matter where you are in your lifelong faith journey.**

We believe that through our open welcome we all grow in faith and love, and we invite everyone to participate as volunteers and leaders in our community. We need each other. It is by being in community together that we know God is here.