

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**Worship at 10:00 a.m.**



**Prelude**            *The Strife is O'er* ~ arr. Kevin Chesney  
Hallelujah Ringers

**Welcome**

**Easter Call to Worship**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today, we know the good news is alive and well!**

The good news is dancing!

**The good news is on the loose!**

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**Even death has lost its sting.**

Let us worship our good-news God. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Gathering Hymn**    *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ~ ELW 365

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise**    *The Strife Is O'er* ~ ELW 266 vs. 1-3

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you**

Holy One, **all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you alive in the world. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your good-news people. With eagerness and hope, we sing alleluia; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading**

Ephesians 1: 15-21

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul offers this prayer for the community. He gives thanks for their faith and reminds them that their faith and hope is rooted in Christ being risen from the dead and active in the world.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

Holy word, holy wisdom.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118**

*The Day of Resurrection!* ~ ELW 361 vs. 1, 3

**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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a slur over the second phrase. The second staff continues the melody with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.'

The holy gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ~ ELW 389*

### **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

#### Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**

#### Musical Offering

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns ~ arr. Craig Courtney*  
All Saints Choir

#### Offertory Hymn



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



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#### 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
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### **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.**

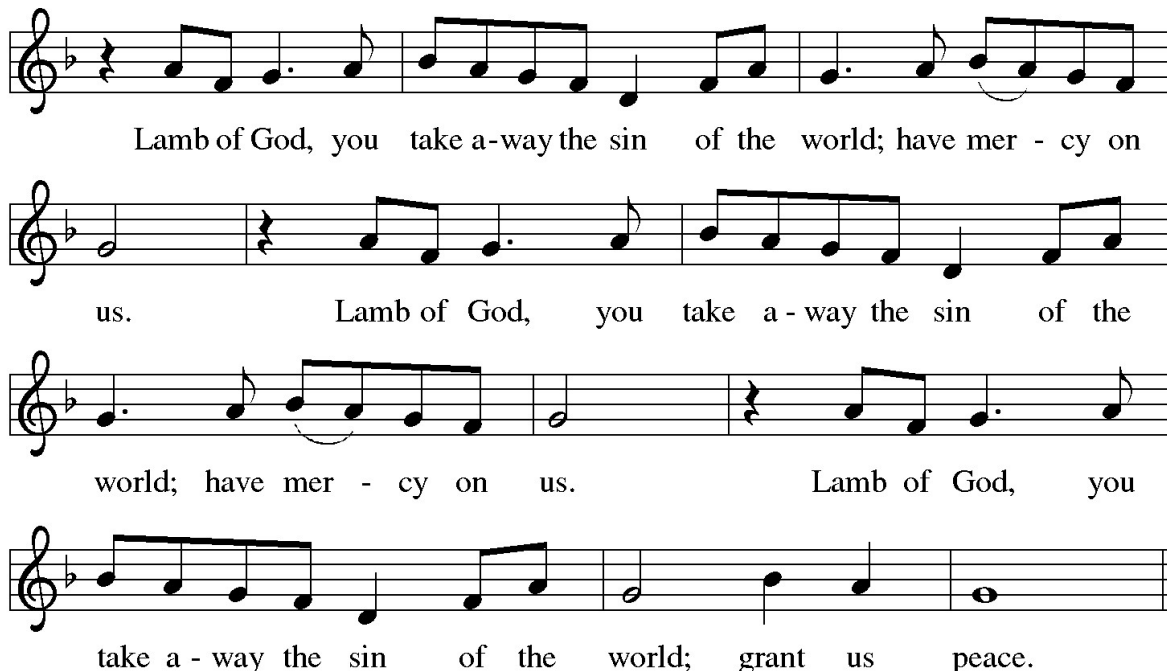
**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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.

**Communion Hymns**

*Now the Green Blade Rises ~ ELW 379*

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers ~ ACS 938*

**Blessing after Communion**

**Prayer after Communion**

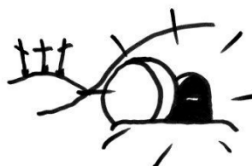
Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

**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.**

**Sending Hymn**

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives! ~ ELW 619 vs. 1, 2, 4, 8*



## **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**

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**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.

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*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

*Welcome - I'm glad you decided to worship with us at All Saints this Easter.*

*If you are a visitor, I invite you to leave your name and contact information in our guest book, and I will be in touch with you.*

*You can find out more about All Saints on our website - [allsaintsabq.org](http://allsaintsabq.org)*

*And you can reach out to me anytime at [pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org](mailto:pastorkristin@allsaintsabq.org) or 505-898-3932. Our church office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 - 1:00 (but closed tomorrow).*

*Blessed Easter,*

*Pastor Kristin Schultz*