

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Divine Service Setting One

As We Gather We rejoice and are gladdened at the sight of the risen Christ. Alleluia! For our sins, he was buried. But on this third day, he has risen from the dead. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome are seized with fear, having seen an empty tomb—one meant to entomb Jesus, the Son of God. But no sullen grave, no hellish abyss, not even Satan himself could eclipse the revelation of the risen Christ—eyewitnessed, confessed, and believed. Jesus conquered death, disarming its sting forever. The Church victorious is covered by Jesus' decisive victory over death, hell, and sin! We now jubilantly sing with Job, "I know that my Redeemer lives." Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude

Entrata Festiva, Op. 96
Brass quartet, timpani, organ

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Easter Litany

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:

C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

C have mercy on us.

P Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who had not seen and yet believed:

C have mercy on us.

P By Your suffering and dying:

C deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.

P By Your glorious resurrection:

C deliver us from this body of death.

P By the majesty of Your risen body:

C deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.

P Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in Your love on this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.

C Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LSB 457



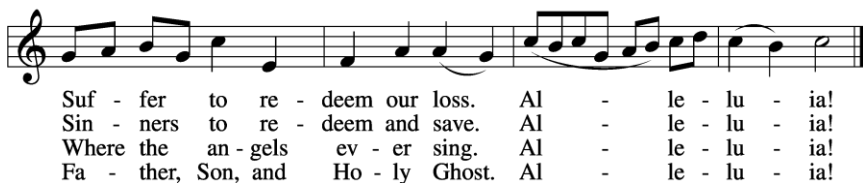
1	Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	Hymns of praise then let us sing,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	But the pains which He en - dured,	Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4	Sing we to our God a - bove,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;	Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love;	Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host,	Al - le - lu - ia!



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Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel as you are able

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

John 20:19–23 LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

P I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

C The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

P Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

C You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,

C The sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The Lord will reign forever and ever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9 LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ————— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament

Isaiah 65:17-25

A The Old Testament Lesson for the Resurrection of Our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-five.

¹⁷"Behold, I create new heavens
 and a new earth,
 and the former things shall not be remembered
 or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
 in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 16



L¹Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.

C²**I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;***
I have no good a- | part from you."

L³As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.

C⁴**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall |**
multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.

L⁵The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.

C⁶**The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;***
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

L⁷I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.

C⁸**I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;***
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

L⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

C¹⁰**For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,***
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.

L¹¹You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

C**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia

Christ is Arisen
Sanctuary Choir

David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison.

So let our song exulting rise: Alleluia!

Christ with comfort lights our eyes. Alleluia!

All our hopes were ended had Jesus not ascended

From the grave triumphantly our never-ending life to be.

So let our song exulting rise: Alleluia!

Christ, our comfort, fills the skies. Alleluia!

--11th century German hymn

Trans. F. Samuel Janzow (1913-2001)

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

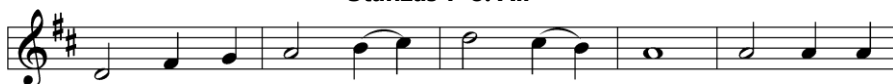
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Stanzas 1-4: All**Stanza 5: Women****Stanza 6: Men****Stanzas 7-8: All**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;**He lives to wipe away my tears;****He lives to calm my troubled heart;****He lives all blessings to impart.****6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;****He lives and loves me to the end;****He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;****He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.****7 He lives and grants me daily breath;****He lives, and I shall conquer death;****He lives my mansion to prepare;****He lives to bring me safely there.**

**8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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Please be seated

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Please stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Offering

During this time, please fill out and pass the blue Friendship Register. Please indicate if you plan to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and whether you are a member or visitor. If you are looking for church home, we invite you to join the family of believers here at Christ the Redeemer.

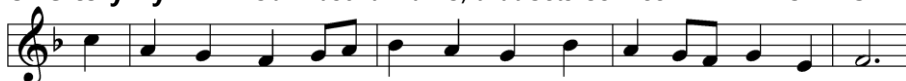
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Thine is the Glory
Agapé Ringers

Brian Childers
(b. 1971)

Please stand as you are able

Offertory Hymn *Our Paschal Lamb, that Sets Us Free* LSB 473



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord

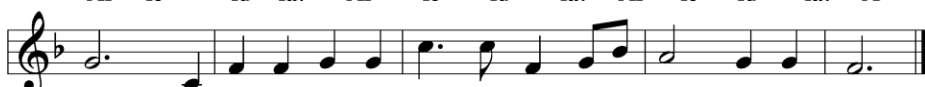


The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that we receive not just bread and wine but the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Our Lord invites to His table those who have faith in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to love and forgive as He loves and forgives us.

Holy Communion also signifies a unity of faith and belief with those who gather at this altar. Baptized Christians who share the confession of the Lutheran church are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are unsure what you believe or have questions, we invite you to speak with the Elder on duty or the Pastor before the service. Grape juice is available in the center circle of the individual cup trays.

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

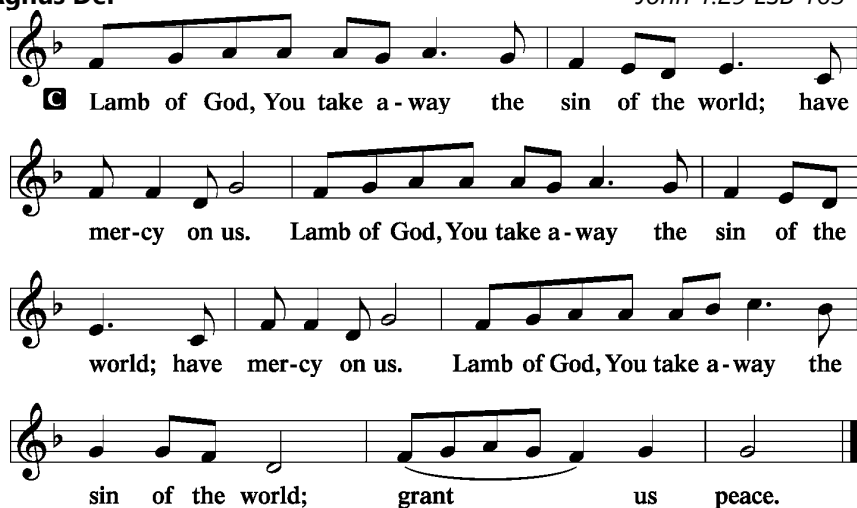
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 163



C 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.

Please be seated

Voluntary

Easter Fanfare

Kevin Hildebrand

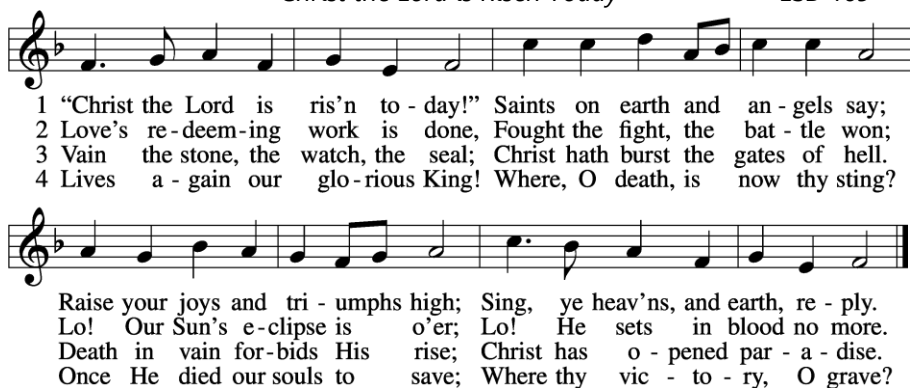
Brass quintet, timpani, organ

(b. 1973)

Distribution Hymns

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LSB 469



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo-rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?

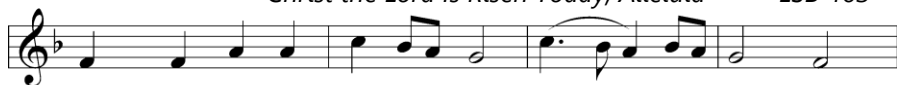
Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led; foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

LSB 467

Stanzas 1-2: All**Stanza 3: Women****Stanza 4: Men****Stanzas 5-7: All**

1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

- 5 The world against me rages, its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages, its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play, and night is bright as day.**
- 6 Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.**
- 7 He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died shall here be glorified."**

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Dismissal Blessing

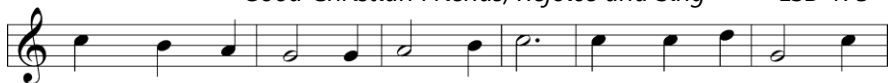
P Now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

LSB 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. O Lord, You have given us grace this day to hear with our ears the Good News of our Lord's resurrection and to receive with our lips His crucified and risen body and blood. Grant that by this Holy Communion we be sustained in faith, equipped to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and be kept holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Easter Proclamation

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

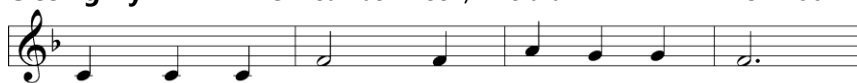
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there,"
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625 J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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Music Notes for April 20, 2025 – The Resurrection of Our Lord

The Prelude for the Resurrection of Our Lord is *Entrata Festiva*, Op. 96 by the Belgian composer and organist Flor Peeters (1903-1986). This majestic composition, written in 1959, incorporates brass, timpani, and organ. This exciting work alternates between festive fanfare figurations and more lyrical chorale-like passages.

The choral Alleluia preceding the reading of the Holy Gospel is “Christ is Arisen” by American composer and organist David Cherwien (b. 1957). Dr. Cherwien, a noted choral conductor and practitioner of the art of hymn improvisation, recently retired as Cantor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he built upon the rich and vibrant tradition of enlivening congregational singing established by his predecessors, Paul Manz (1919-2009) and Mark Sedio (b. 1954).

The Voluntary is a triumphant handbell setting of the Easter hymn “Thine is the Glory” by American composer and conductor Brian Childers (b. 1971). Mr. Childers, who serves as Director of Children and Youth Music at Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC, holds degrees in piano performance and church music from Appalachian State University and Gardner-Webb University.

The Communion Voluntary is *Easter Fanfare*, a joyous setting of “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” (LSB 463), written for brass quintet, timpani, and organ by Kevin Hildebrand (b. 1973). Mr. Hildebrand is Kantor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, where he has served on the faculty since 2002.

The Postlude is a chorale prelude on the German Easter hymn *Christ lag in Todesbanden*, translated in *Lutheran Service Book* as “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (LSB 458). This chorale was written by Martin Luther, who modeled it after “Christ is Arisen” (LSB 459), a medieval folk hymn. The setting of this chorale presented this morning was written by the German composer and organist Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) and is excerpted from the *Orgelbüchlein* (“Little Organ Book”), a collection of 45 chorale preludes for organ that encompasses the whole of the liturgical year.

Bach's interpretation of the chorale makes use of a bold *plenum* registration consisting of the foundation, reed, and mixture stops of the organ, in keeping with the strong *Affekt* of the hymn text:

*Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia! Alleluia!*