

April 5, 2026
Resurrection of Our Lord

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.



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GATHERING HYMN

ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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EASTER CHOIR

Christ the Lord is Risen from the Dead

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OFFERING HYMN

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COMMUNION

1. Congregational Hymn – ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

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SENDING HYMN

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POSTLUDE

– Trumpet Tune in D

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Toccata for the Morning of Easter and Festive Trumpet Tune

During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.

Please rise in body or spirit

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

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

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Lord God, we confess that we have not loved You with all our hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and we are so often reluctant to share the Good News that Christ is risen. Forgive us.

Our Father and Creator God, gives us new life;

Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us;

The Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service, to proclaim the Truth.

This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin
is powerless, death is defeated forever.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven, made whole, made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

GREETING

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

This is the Feast

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first and fourth staves are marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: '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 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.'

Refrain

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,

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

Refrain

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,
you gave your only Son
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,
and by his glorious resurrection
you delivered us from the power of death.
Make us die every day to sin,
that we may live with him forever
in the joy of the resurrection,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Minister Bobbie Hoffman

Special Music

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Handbell Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



A Reading from 2 Corinthians 5: 15- 21

Christ died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

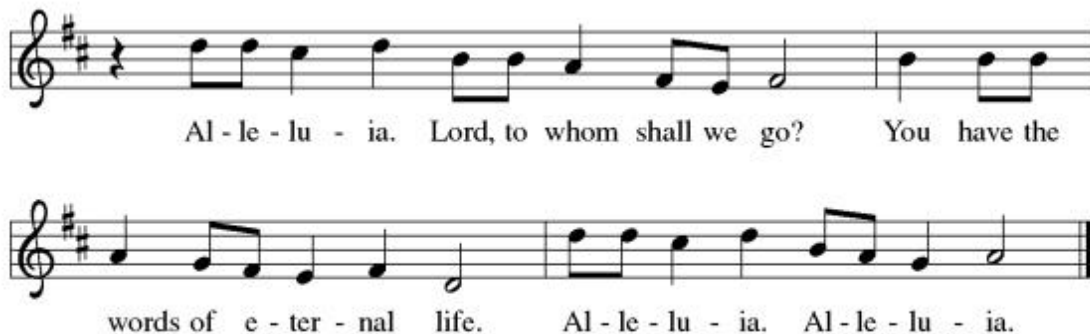
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



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

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to **Matthew 28:1-10**

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Message

Minister Bobbie Hoffman

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY **I Know That My Redeemer Lives!** **ELW 619**
Verse 4 – Organ side **Verse 5 – Pulpit side**

Creed

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

**and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

EASTER CHOIR

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Choir - 1. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia (repeat), trumpet fanfare,

CONGREGATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA (repeat)

Choir - 2. Celebrate and sing, let your voices ring, clap your hands and say: "Christ arose today" (repeat), trumpet fanfare,

CONGREGATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA (repeat)

Choir --3. Sing your praises now to God on high this Easter Day. Sing and praise and tell the story, God is love", that's what we say! (repeat), trumpet fanfare,

CONGREGATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA (repeat)

Choir sings 1, then 2, then 3, trumpet fanfare,

CONGREGATION: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY, ALLELUIA (repeat)

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING Hymn

We present our offering to God during worship as sign of our gratitude for His goodness, mercy & generosity.



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

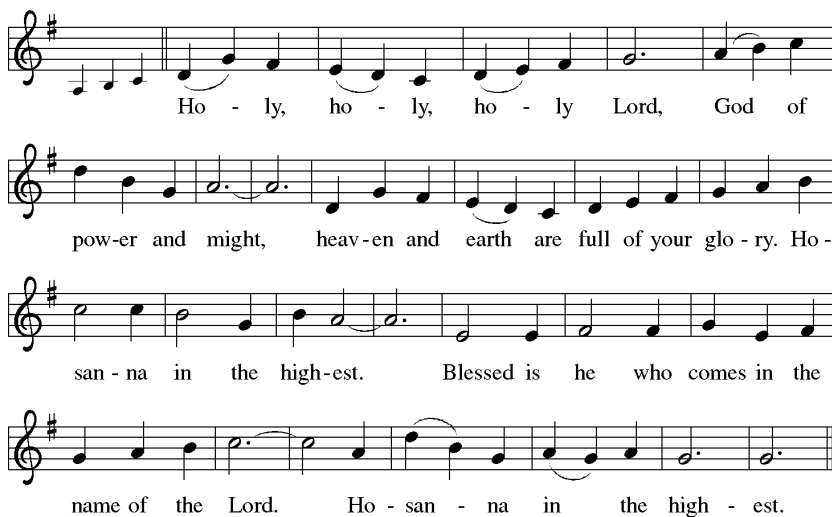
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

All are welcome at the table. If you will be coming to the altar for communion, please follow the ushers' instructions. Those who are choosing to stay in the pew, using the prefilled cups, should wait for instructions from the pastor. Children are most welcome to accompany their parents to the altar for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available, ask for one when you receive communion.

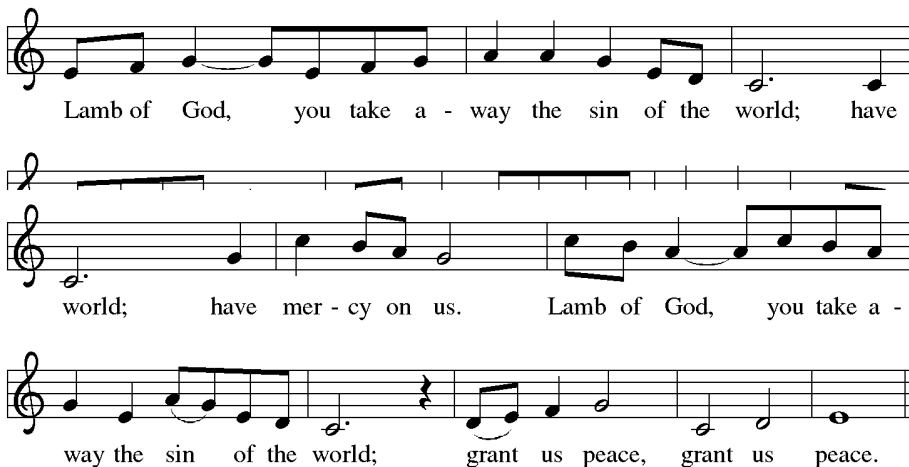


Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Lamb of God



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

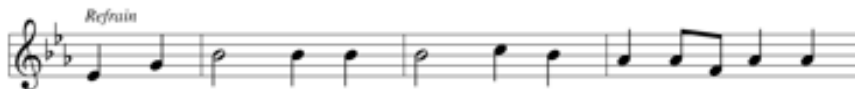
1. COMMUNION MUSIC ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

2. Prayer For Peace

3. Meditation for Organ

4. ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together (if needed)

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and spirit.

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 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Care for other as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D