



Jesus Lives!

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Invocation

P: The grace of our risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the peace of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

C: **And also with you!**

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

(See pages 17 & 18 regarding its use and symbolism)

P: Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever; the beginning and the end; the Alpha and the Omega. As the Lamb of God he has taken away the sin of the world. May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, shatter the darkness of our hearts and minds, and shine through our words and actions - to the praise of his glorious name!

The congregation sings



Al - le - lu -- ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.

Responsive Reading of Romans 6:3-10

P: ³Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

C: ⁴**We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.**

P: ⁵For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

C: ⁶**We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin.**

P: ⁷For the person who has died has been declared free from sin.

C: ⁸**And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

The congregation sings



Je - sus lives! And thus my soul, Life is yours e -



ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head



Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



his right hand Vic - tor o -- ver death shall stand.

Service of Praise at the Resurrection

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

C: **Sing to the Lord, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

P: Dear friends, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

C: **Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all**

who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

The Proclamation of the Resurrection

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly hosts of angels. Rejoice now, all creation. Sound forth the trumpet of salvation and proclaim the triumph of your King. Rejoice in the radiance of the light now poured upon you; rejoice in the glory of the everlasting King. Know that the ancient darkness has been shattered forever. The gloom of death is destroyed. Rejoice, Church of Christ, you are clothed in the brightness of his light.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

Hymn

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

Christian Worship 157

Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav’nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

The Lessons from God's Word

“Jesus Lives! We have Hope for Life and Eternal Life”

Old Testament

Job 19:23–27

²³Oh how I wish that my words were written down.

Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,

²⁴that they would be engraved in rock forever
with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.

²⁵As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.

²⁶Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.

²⁷I myself will see him.

My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.

My emotions are in turmoil within me.

Response to the Lesson

P: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rocky cliff, my stronghold, and my deliverer. My God is my rock. I take refuge in him. He is my shield and the strength of my salvation, my high fortress. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. The ropes of death entangled me. The ropes of the grave wrapped around me. The traps of death threatened me. In my distress I called to the LORD. To my God I cried out. He heard my voice from his temple. My cry came before him. It reached his ears. The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! May the God who saved me be exalted!

Handbells

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Arranged by Sandra Eithun

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the first fruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." ²⁶Death is the last enemy to be done away with.

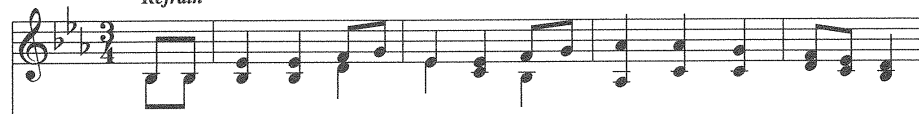
Verse of the Day

P: Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever; the beginning and the end; the Alpha and the Omega. As the Lamb of God he has taken away the sin of the world. May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, shatter the darkness of our hearts and minds, and shine through our words and actions—to the praise of his glorious name! Alleluia!

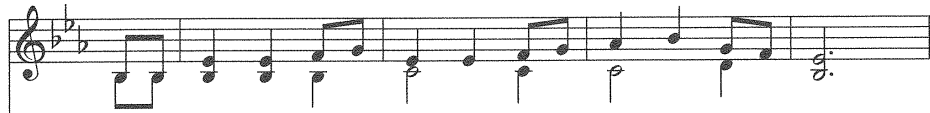
Congregation responds

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”
Christian Worship 154 st. 2 & 3

Refrain



Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord.



Al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, give praise to his name.



- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
- 3. We have been cru — ci — fied with Christ;

Refrain

Je — sus has died and has ris — — — en.
 Now we shall live for - ev — — — er.

Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Children’s Message

“See the Place Where They Laid Him—Empty!”

P: This is the Word of our God. Our reason for joy, our strength for life, and our confidence of eternal life.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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!**



Hymn of the Day

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”
Christian Worship 152 st. 1-3, 5-6, 8

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence give!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave.
He lives eternally to save.
He lives, all glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
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.
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!”

Sermon

Job 19:23-27

“A Message Worth Recording”

Jesus, the Redeemer, lives
Jesus, the Redeemer, will be seen

Litany on the Resurrection

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: **Christ is risen!**

P: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life to declare us not guilty.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with joy by your victory over sin, death and the grave.

C: **You are risen!**

P: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew us in the joy of your empty tomb.

C: **You are risen indeed!**

P: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Handbells

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Arranged by Sandy Eithun

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Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayers for the Church

The Lord's Prayer

C: **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.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory

are yours now and forever. Amen!

Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”
Christian Worship 160

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in faith;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now is Christ arisen.

Death’s flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in faith;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now is Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,
Our faith had been in faith;
But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen,
But now is Christ arisen.

The Blessing of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 50-57

P: ⁴² That is the way the resurrection of the dead will be. What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown as a natural body; it is raised as a spiritual body.

⁵⁰ Now I say this, beloved: Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and what is perishable is not going to inherit what is imperishable. ⁵¹ Look, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the blink of

an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ Death, where is your sting?

Grave, where is your victory?

C: ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Psalm of Praise at our Savior's Resurrection

P: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad it;

C: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.

P: Let Israel say, his love endures forever; let the house of Aaron say, his love endures forever.

C: The Lord is with us, we will not be afraid. What can anyone do to us? The Lord is with us, he is our Helper. We will look in triumph on our enemies.

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous; the Lord's right hand is lifted high, the Lord's right hand has done mighty things;

C: I will not die but live, and I will proclaim what the Lord has done. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord!

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone and foundation;

C: The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion be will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A -- men! A men! A men!

Closing Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christian Worship 149

“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”

Saints on earth and angels say;

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.

Love’s redeeming work is done,

Fought the fight, the battle won;

Lo, our sun’s eclipse is o’er;

Lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;

Christ has burst the gates of hell.

Death in vain forbids his rise;

Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King!

Where, O death, is now your sting?

Once he died our souls to save;

Where your victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led

Foll'wing our exalted head.
Make like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today - *Welcome in our Savior's Name!* May the blessing of our Risen Savior and his all-encompassing love be with you always. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign a "visitor card," and return it to the usher or pastor, or sign our guest book.

- We invite everyone to remain after the service to enjoy a brunch prepared by the members of the congregation.
- If you are visiting this morning, and if you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Proeber, or give him a call this week—967-1128.

Monday—Thursday—There will be a short break so Pastor can follow up with our "at home" members.

Tuesday—Outreach meeting at 7:00 pm

Friday—Office hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean—Todd

- Lawn beginning March 31st—C. Schueler

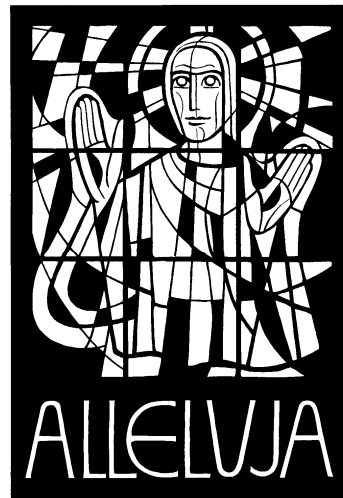
Sunday, April 7th—Our celebration of the Resurrection continues. In-person worship and Live-streaming is at 9:30 am. The message of the resurrection is ours to comfort and encourage. It is also ours to proclaim. John reminds us of this precious work.

- During this service we will also have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. You may register to receive it today.
- Christian Education will follow the service, and will show us how Jesus allays our doubts and our fears.

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