

**Easter Sunday**

**April 12, 2009**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting One

10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the Easter story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.*

**PRELUDE**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

**ELW 365**

**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Loving God,

C **we fear, we doubt, we do not trust you; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

**GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you.**

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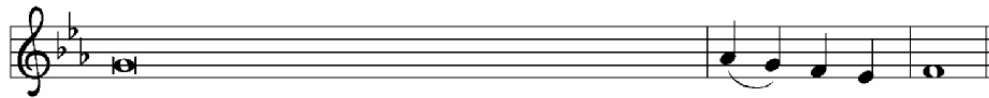
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



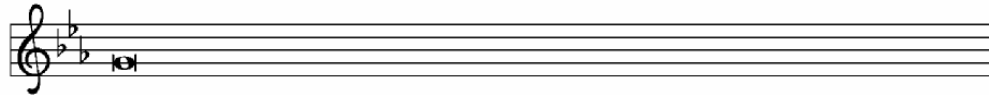
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



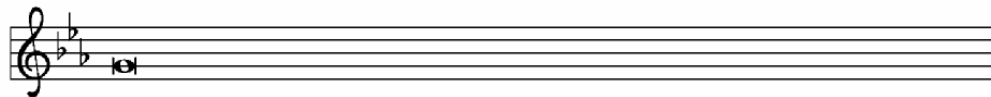
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

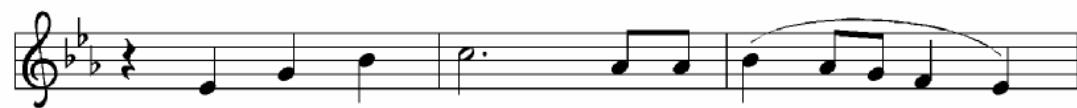


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HYMN OF PRAISE

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## Glory to God



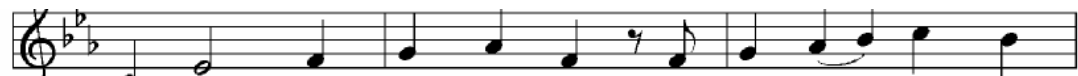
Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus




Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,




Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.




For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

**C: 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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“A Joyful Psalm”*

Words from the **Psalms**

Music by **Joseph M. Martin**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
his mercy en- | dures forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now proclaim,\***

**"His mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become | my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory\***

**in the tents | of the righteous:**

<sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!\*

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live,\***

**and declare the works | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,\*

but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;\***

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD;\*

he who is right- | eous may enter."

**<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me\***

**and have become | my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the build- | ers rejected\*

has become the chief | cornerstone.

**<sup>23</sup>This is | the LORD's doing,\***

**and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>On this day the | LORD has acted;\*

we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

*Paul discusses many things in his letters to the Corinthians, but in these verses he tells them what he thinks is most important of all: the good news that Jesus has been raised from the dead.*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to

the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told

you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

**ELW 367**

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**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 PRAYERS**

A: Rejoicing in God's marvelous works of new life, let us pray for renewal in the world, in the church, and in every living creature.

*A brief silence*

A: For the church, redeemed and anointed by God, that united in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we would be renewed to proclaim your great love for all. Fill us with this good news and make us faithful witnesses. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the creation, fashioned and nurtured by God, that your gracious rains and gentle warmth bring renewal to the earth in this season of planting, sprouting, and blooming. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the world, created and beloved of God, that the peace of the risen Christ be made visible through efforts of peacemakers in places of violence and conflict and through the compassion of relief workers in places of natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the needy, held and uplifted in God, that all who suffer through illness, prejudice, grief, or neglect would be renewed by the promise of your mercy. Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: In thanksgiving for this assembly, called and sent by God, that we become what we receive: Christ's very body, broken and blessed for newness of life in all the world. May the joyous good news take root in every place where it is proclaimed this joyous day, among us and great within our companion congregations: Children's Memorial and Ruskin Heights in Kansas City, St. John in Bird City, and Our Savior in Brewster. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other prayers are offered*

A: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, sanctified and kept by God, that the memory of their witness and your goodness made visible through them would renew our courage and commitment to life in your service. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: To you, O God of newness and renewal, we lift up all for whom we pray, through the one whom you lifted up from death and the grave, Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Create in Me  
*Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Everlasting God,

**C: the whole universe sings a new song of praise; the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we boldly pray. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Preface Dialogue

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.**

P: 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...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.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

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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

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P This is the feast of victory for our God!

**THE COMMUNION**

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Lamb of God

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 HYMN**

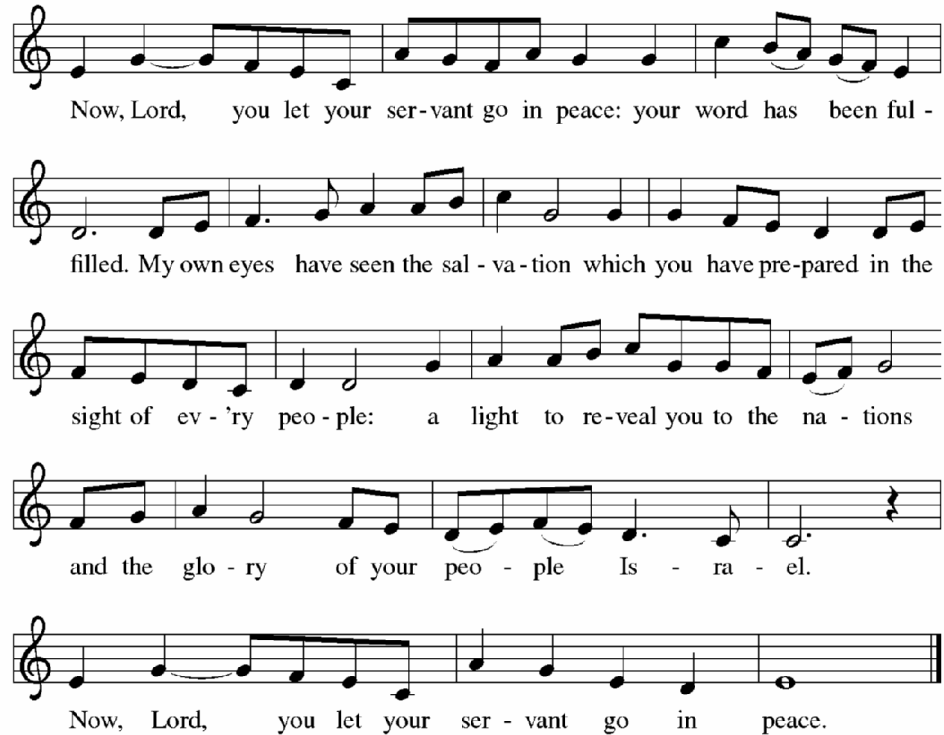
*“Now the Green Blade Rises”*  
*“Morning Has Broken”*

ELW 379  
 ELW 556

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.  
 C: **Amen.**

## Now, Lord



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Good Shepherd, lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal to bring joy and fulfillment to others. Guide us on paths of justice. Teach us to live for you as servants to one another. Enfold us in your abiding love. We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.

C **Amen**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION****BENEDICTION**

P Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*

**ELW 382**

## **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **A Joyful Psalm**

Lift a joyful song to the Lord! Sing gloria; sing alleluia!

Honor and glory to God. Come to the Lord with joyful songs.

God himself is with us. Let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple; all within keep silence, and before him bow with rev'rence.

Praise God above the heavens. Rejoice in the house of God.

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise God! Rejoice in the temple.

Praise ye the Lord. All people praise the Lord. Let worship fill this courts forever more.

Praise God forever and ever. Come, sing alleluia unto the Lord.

Praise Him for His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia!

Lift a joyful song to the Lord! Sing gloria; sing alleluia!

Honor and glory to God. Come to the Lord with joyful songs. Alleluia!

God Himself is present; hear the angels singing.

See them bow, their praise now bringing.

“Holy, holy, holy!” sing the hosts of heaven

Praise to God be ever given.

O give ear to us hear: Hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises

Praise the Lord!

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