# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 20,2025





Sharing the Good News of Christ With All People

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# **AS WE GATHER**

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ after His passion and death gives us the verification, we need that He is the promised King written about in the Old Testament and prophesied by saints and prophets. Instead of begging God Almighty to bless only a human man, the Father's raising Him affirms that all Jesus claimed to be, including His oneness with the Father, is true in time and for eternity. We do not pray, therefore, "Long live the King," but "Long lives the King," for He is alive and with us forever. Death has been destroyed, our sins have been atoned for, and eternity with God is available to all people who place their hope in Jesus, God's own Lamb and our Savior. Rejoice! Sing alleluias! And tell the news that Christ "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:10).

## CALL TO WORSHIP

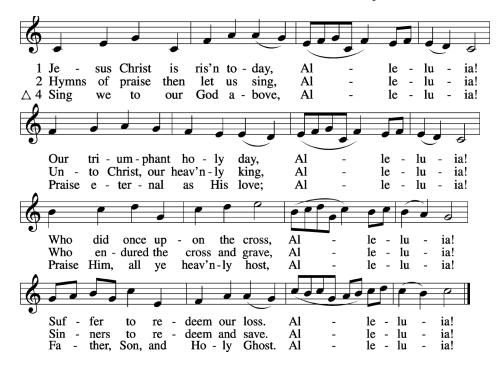
"Christ is Risen"

Please stand as you are able.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- **C** But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- **P** Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him that he may save us.
- **C** This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.
- P Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

BELLS Jesus	Christ is Risen Today	Bell Choir
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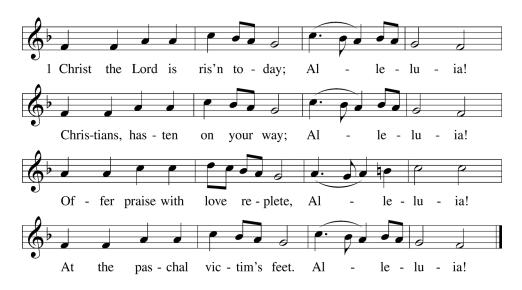
## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- 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 Blessed by God, who chose us in Christ, let us come to the fountain of mercy.

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

- P Living God,
- In the light of the resurrection, we rejoice to see our Lord Jesus, by whose wounds we have been healed. Trusting in your promise of mercy, we repent of our sins. Forgive our quickness to turn from you and our slowness of heart to believe. Renew in us the grace of baptism, and guide us in the way of truth and life. Amen.
- In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In obedience to our Lord's command, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the (++) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB 463, verse 1



## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.C And also with you.

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



# EPISTLE

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

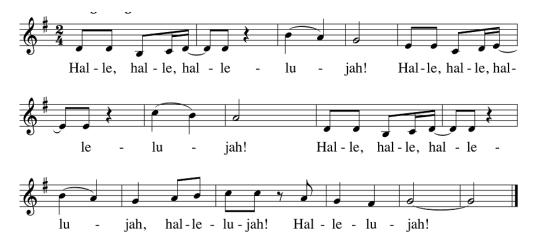
A This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

#### "Halle, Halle, Halle"

**Choir** Now Christ is raised up from death, he will never die again. All who follow his way shall have life in him: Hallelujah, hallelujah. Refrain All.



# HOLY GOSPEL

# **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And 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? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now 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, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But 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.

## GOSPEL RECESSIONAL "Halle, Halle, Halle"



HYMN OF THE DAY

Jeremy Becker, Director of Family Ministry



#### SERMON

"Surprise"

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Petitions end, "Risen Lord, in Your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear our Prayer."

OFFERING "Come, Thou Fount", Hallelujah Chorus" Adult Choir

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- ▶ Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

**A word about Holy Communion:** We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option please know that the center of the communion tray is white grape juice.

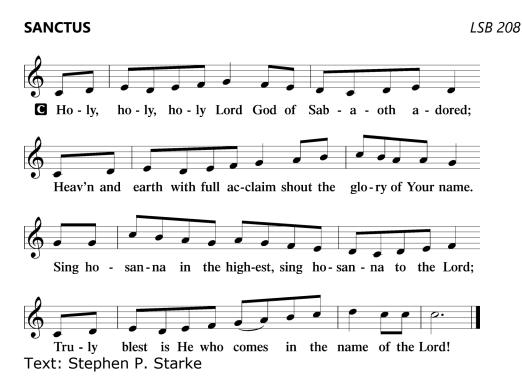
## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

## PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.

#### **PROPER PREFACE**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

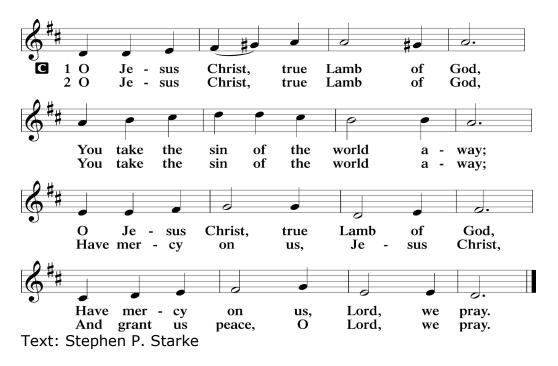
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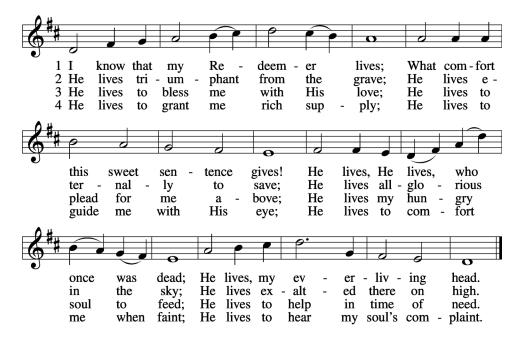
#### PEACE OF THE LORD

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

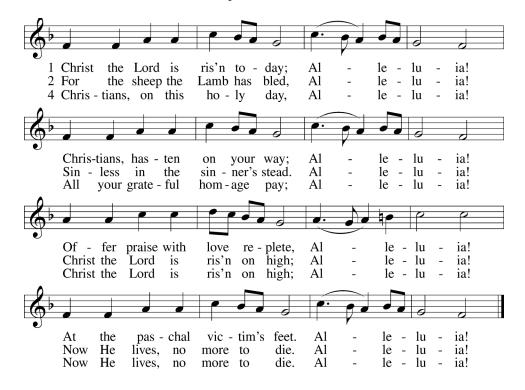
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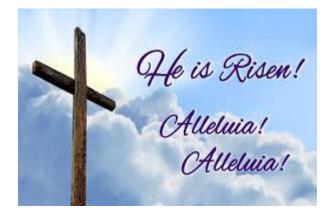




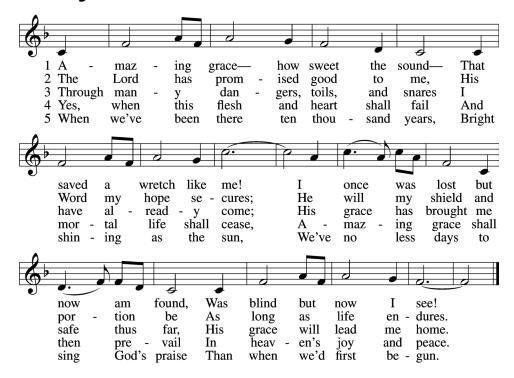
- He lives to silence all my fears;
  He lives to wipe away my tears;
  He lives to calm my troubled heart;
  He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
   He lives and loves me to the end;
   He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
   He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 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!

#### "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"





"Amazing Grace"



## "He Is Exalted"

#### Verse

He is exalted The King is exalted on high I will praise Him He is exalted forever exalted And I will praise His name

## Chorus

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted The King is exalted on high

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#### **CLOSING OF THE TABLE**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### BENEDICTION

<b>RECESSIONAL HYMN</b> "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise: 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de-feat: $\triangle$ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:
Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;
He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled— Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more, Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!
Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead. Je-sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.
- **G** Alleluia, Christ is risen!
- **P** He is risen indeed!
- C Alleluia!
- **P** Go in Peace. Serve the Risen Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

# HALLELUJAH CHORUS

All are encouraged to sing along with the choir, a copy of the Hallelujah Chorus can be found in the pew.





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