

HOLY COMMUNION: *Setting 4 (modified)*
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Resurrection Litany

Leader *Christ is risen!*
Piano Side Alleluia!
Ambo Side Alleluia!
All **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: *The stone has rolled!*
Piano Side Alleluia!
Ambo Side Alleluia!
All: **He is on the way!**

Leader *The tomb is empty!*
Piano Side Alleluia!
Ambo Side Alleluia!
All **He is the truth!**

Leader *Dawn has broken!*
Piano Side Alleluia!
Ambo Side Alleluia!
All **He is the life!**

Leader *Christ is risen*
Piano Side Alleluia!
Ambo Side Alleluia!
All **He is risen indeed!**

- P Now how can some say that there is no resurrection of the dead?
C But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.
P The first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For with Adam all die.
C So also in Christ all will be made alive.
P Jesus Christ is Risen!
C Alleluia, He is Risen Indeed!

GATHERING SONG

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW 365

1. 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!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh,
Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - *responsive*

- A As we journey by faith in our world, let us acknowledge our sins and failures before God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

A For our indifference toward His presence in our midst,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For our desire to control the time and seasons of our own destinies,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For our injustices toward others—those we know and those we don't know,

C We confess to you, Lord.

A For lack of concern for those who will come after us,

C We confess to you, Lord.

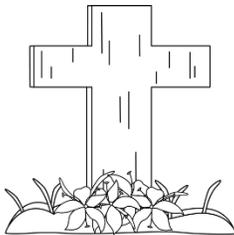
A In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those of us who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Song:

“SING HALLELUJAH!”



REFRAIN

Sing Hal-le-lu-jah!

Christ is risen from the dead.

Jesus Sing Hal-le-lu-jah!

He won the victory.

Sing Hal-le-lu-jah!

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Sing Hal-le-lu-jah!

Christ arose from the dead.

1. Jesus paid it all for me,

So I could live eternally. **REFRAIN**

2. Death could not keep Him down,

Jesus rose, let praise abound. **REFRAIN**

Sing Hal-le-lu-jah!

Christ arose from the dead.

GOD'S Word

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading is concluded:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Song:

"I Got Rhythm"

(Composed by George Gershwin, 1930.
Lyrics modified by Pr. Roger)



We got Jesus
We got saved,
He is our Lord.

Who could ask for anything more?

We got the Promise
Of Eternal Life.
It's a free gift.

Who could ask for anything more?

Oh, the devil,
We won't mind him
When we find him
Round our door.

For we got mercy,
We got forgiveness.

Who could ask for anything more?

Who could ask for anything more?

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION April 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We are 'Easter People'. Because Christ lives, so will we! With grateful hearts, we give thanks to our God for the free gift of salvation given to all who believe, as we pray:

Gracious God, you allowed your Son, Jesus, to die on a cross like a common criminal in order that his sacrifice would save all of your people – past, present and future. He died and rose for us. We humbly thank You and recommit ourselves to You. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to guide our President, his administration and the Congress so that they work together for the common good of all as "One Nation Under God". Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to guide our church council, church committees, and our whole congregation in carrying out the ministries of your church. Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick, the homebound, those grieving loved ones who have died, those listed in the church bulletin prayer list, and those

we lift up by name either directly or out loud this morning... Lord in Your Mercy... **Hear Our Prayer.**

Gracious God, Hear the prayers of your people today and always. **Amen!!**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

The sick & recuperating:

Ashley Rubert (*Chris Snook's friend*)
Baby Mason (*Brenda Pedersen's friend's infant*)
Betty Shimel (*Cheryl Burck's neighbor*)
Camille Miller
Dale Teschler (*Krista's father*)
Diana Gabriel
Don Hinz
Jackie Hicks (*Hartman's neighbor*)
Joe Bokano (*Roger's brother*)
Kassidy Carter (*Tinson's cousin*)
Lind Family
Minister Enoch
Rachel Pedersen (*Brenda's daughter*)

The homebound: Marie Johansson

The family of: Brent Osborn (*Kathi Bokano's friend/neighbor*)

Other concerns: *All Medical Professionals, All Caregivers*

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER

Let us pray.
Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – *responsive (below)*

A God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.
Here is food! Here is drink!
These things are yours before they are ours.
Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.
With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts in heaven,
O God, we thank you and rejoice.
This food - we shall eat it in your honor!
This drink - we shall drink it in your honor!

A We thank you for giving us life.
C We thank you!
A We thank you for giving us freedom.
C We thank you!
A We thank you for bringing us peace.
C We thank you!

A We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.
C We thank you!
A We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.
C We thank you!
A Father, send the Spirit of life, The Spirit of power and fruitfulness.
With the Spirit's breath, speak your word into these things.
Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus,
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.
Give us true communion with your Son.

P On the night of his suffering,
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:
'All of you, take this, eat this;
it is my body, handed over for you.
Do this and remember me.'
C The body of Christ! Amen.

P Then he shared drink with them, saying:
'All of you, take this, drink this; it is my blood, the blood of the
new covenant that begins now and lasts forever.

P This blood is poured out for you and for all people so that sins may be taken away. Do this and remember me.'

C The blood of Christ! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

(Assisting Minister)

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer the darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

Send forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with great favor and give... us peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW 619

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
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 exalted, throned above;
He lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. 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.
5. He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above'
He lives my hungry soul to fee;
He lives to help in time of need.
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 Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Song by Samuel Medley, 1775

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

