

The Resurrection of Our Lord
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (Lutheran Service Book, #457)

setting by James Marriott

Incorporating “Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives* by Ludwig von Beethoven

CHORAL INTRODUCTION: Hallelujah unto God’s almighty Son!

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 ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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INVOCATION:

Liturgist: In the name of God the Father,

People: Who on this day raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. Alleluia!

Liturgist: In the name of God the Son,

People: Who lives again as our victorious Redeemer and King. Alleluia!

Liturgist: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: Who daily renews our lives by faith in Christ and will at the Last Day raise us from the dead to live with Jesus forever. Alleluia!

EASTER GREETING:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Christ Jesus is risen from the dead; our Savior has conquered the grave.

People: Our debts are cancelled! Our crimes are pardoned!

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice!

People: Christ has triumphed! He has reclaimed Paradise for us!

Pastor: In this glad certainty, let us confess our sins to God and receive with joy His holy absolution:

People: Almighty God, we confess to You and each other that we have fallen far short of perfection. We have broken Your laws and have failed to love You and the neighbors You have given us. Forgive us! Roll away the stones that close our hearts to faith and joy. By Your Spirit, renew us to walk in Your ways now and forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice, dear friends! The Lord Jesus, Who was raised from the dead, lives for you! And because He lives, you too will live! Death and hell can claim you no more. In Christ heaven is your eternal home. You are forgiven for Jesus' sake, and by His power to bring life from death nothing can keep you out of Paradise.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” (LSB 941)

setting by J. Marriott (choir sings stanza 2 and 3 alone)

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

(CHOIR SINGS)

*The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:*

*“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”*

(CHOIR SINGS)

*You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.*

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

HYMN: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (LSB, #461) (stanzas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8)

Setting by J. Marriott

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.

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

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 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.

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!

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 65:17–25*

"Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their descendants with them.
Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

RESPONSORY

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 19–26

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then

comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

RESPONSORY:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24:1–12*

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

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He

ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

SONG: "*Gone*"

Why are you looking among the dead
For something to build your life on
The tears are still falling
The linen's still red
But the Savior who wore them is gone
His friends all around Him somehow didn't get
The story He'd told all along
We've all seen it written
We've all heard it said
You don't know what you got til it's gone
And the women came running out
Changed forever by what they found
Love's beating heart
Had burst through the dark
And left with the dawn
And the angels could finally sing
All praise to our Risen King
Hope has arrived He is alive
Jesus is
Gone
Gone
We are forgiven we have been saved
No longer condemned by our wrongs
Because of the One
Who was not in that grave
The last time He'd ever be gone
And the women came running out
Changed forever by what they found
Love's beating heart

Had burst through the dark
And left with the dawn
And the angels could finally sing
All praise to our Risen King
Hope has arrived He is alive

Jesus is
Gone
My my shame is all
Gone
My sins are all
Gone
All the shadows are
Gone

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Gone
My sins are all
Gone
All the shadows are
Gone
Cause Jesus is
Gone

And the women came running out
Changed forever by what they found
Love's beating heart
Had burst through the dark
And left with the dawn

And the angels could finally sing
All praise to our Risen King
Hope has arrived He is alive

Jesus is
Gone
Gone
Gone
Gone

Why are you looking among the dead
For something to build your life on

Look to the One
Who was not in that grave
The last time he'd ever be gone

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SERMON: "Gone"

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As the people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the world in care for all of creation,

Allyssa: God of all, your son Jesus Christ is the light which no darkness can overcome. Make us to be the light of the world, that being inspired by your Holy Spirit to discipleship with Jesus Christ, we may know Christ, live Christ, and make Christ known, helping others to do the same. By your grace, enable your Church to be one in their celebration and proclamation of your promises, that the world might come to know your forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Austin: Lord of the Church, continue to bless our congregation as we serve you in this place. Make us as your people wise with discernment of your purpose and will. Inspire the hearts and actions of our congregation in stewardship and generosity, using the gifts we have been given for your glory. Make us people of reconciliation and advocacy, truth, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Allyssa: Lord of all nations, why do the nations rage before you? Make us as your people ambassadors of peace in this world. Remind us continually that you are Lord of all, and that your kingdom is not of this world. Teach us to trust in you. Bless and protect people throughout the world, especially those being persecuted. Bring peace in war-torn areas, and relief to those who suffer hopelessly. Be with our elected and appointed leaders, guiding them to advocate for liberty and justice. Bless also our church leaders, that they would be faithful witnesses of your mercy and truth. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Austin: Creator of all, you have knit us together according to your goodness. Heal those who suffer in many and various ways—from physical and mental illnesses, from new and unexpected diagnosis, from broken relationships, from changes in employment, and from other ailments of body, mind, and soul. We pray especially for recovery and recuperation so many on our hearts and minds. Be also with all expectant mothers, keeping safe and healthy both mother and child. In the midst of our need, teach us to rejoice. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Allyssa: Lord God, you are our refuge and strength in all times of trouble. Still the minds and comfort the hearts of those who mourn, especially those who have lost loved ones this last year and celebrate Easter for the first time without them. Bless also those among us who are far along the journey of grief, and yet for whom the pain of loss is still so palpable. Bring the peace and comfort that comes from the promise of the Resurrection! Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Austin: God of love and mercy, you invite us to come to you for rest. You have covered our sin and shame with the righteousness of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Continue to work forgiveness, life, and salvation in us. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the body and blood of Jesus in the bread and wine of this Supper. Make us bold and passionate witnesses of your Gospel, especially to those who have not known and heard your grace, mercy, and love. Teach us to share joy and thanksgiving with all we meet and in all we do. Lord in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,

People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p.178)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST:

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (p.180)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
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You turn graves into gardens
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DISTRIBUTION SONG: "This is the Feast" (p.155)

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB, #633)

Brass introduction arranged by Frank Stoldt

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: In regal grace, Lord Jesus, You share with us a victory that is rightly Yours alone. You battled sin and death while we cowered before them; You crushed Satan while we yielded to his life-destroying temptations; You overcame the grave while we remained paralyzed within it. Your power and courage astound us, and Your generosity overwhelms us. By Your body and blood enliven us for bold discipleship on earth and eternal celebration in heaven, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EASTER GREETING:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION: (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,

People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

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Faith Lutheran Church Choir, Director: Dr. Holly Dalrymple

Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

6:30 Lay Reader: Ron Jiede

8:15 Lay Reader: Sonja Guyer

11:00 Lay Reader: Jonah Winakor

Children's Message: Austin Angerman