

The Resurrection of Our Lord  
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## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER SUNDAY

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” the Apostle Paul writes. Today we gather with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, let us rejoice and be glad. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

**PRELUDE FOR EASTER** *Processional March* from **Scipione** – Handel  
The Central Brass Ensemble, Timpani, and Organ

### INTROIT

*Now the Green Blade Rises* – Terry Price  
The Central Handbell Ensemble

### WELCOME

### LITANY FOR EASTER *(please stand as you are able)*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song.

**For God has done marvelous things!**

Because of God’s steadfast love,

**All the ends of the earth have seen the glory of our God.**

For now is Christ risen from the dead!

**Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth.**

Break forth into joyous songs and praise.

**For God will rule the earth with righteousness.**

Nothing in all creation can separate us from  
the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.

*Translation: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*

Ukrainian Orthodox

## GLORIA

Organ

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. — Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
mighty God and Fa - ther, — we worship 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. Organ

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 Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

## SALUTATION

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, 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. *(please be seated)*

## **FIRST READING    Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**        *Christ's Chanticleer* - A. F. Schultz  
Children's Choir & Junior Cantors

*The 17th-century text for this anthem depicts Easter from the point of view of the first rooster (Chanticleer) to awaken after the resurrection.*

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

Evan Barrett	Eliot Hodgetts	Evelyn Neckels
Louisa Barrett	Oliver Miller	Greyson Neckels
		Paul Rodgers

### **JUNIOR CANTORS:**

Lukas Henriksen	Piper Neubert	Signe Smith
Henry Koscho	Sam Rodgers	Emma Stalie
Charlotte Miller	Arya Saks	CJ Strietelmeier

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Fine*

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; Now is the vic - tors tri - umph

won! Now be the song of praise be - gun Al-le-lu - ia.

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL John 20:1-18

The Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who

reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her. this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

The Gospel of our Risen Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*Let the People Praise Thee, O God*

William Mathais

The Central Chorale

**SERMON**

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

# HYMN OF THE DAY Thine is the Glory (*please stand*)

1. Thine is the glo - ry Ri - sen, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the  
 2. Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3. No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with -

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness  
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth  
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Where thy bod - y lay.  
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry Ri - sen, con-qu'ring Son;  
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**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. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING**

*We receive the morning offerings.*

## OFFERTORY

*Maestoso & Allegretto* from **Firework Music** - Handel  
The Central Brass Ensemble with Timpani & Organ

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE This Joyful Eastertide (*please stand*)

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, A - way with sin and sor -  
row! my love, the Cru - ci - fied, Has sprung to life this  
mor - row. Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his  
three - day pris - on. Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a -  
ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en; a - ris - en!

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## PROPER PREFACE

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, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — heaven and earth are full — of your glo-ry.

Hosan-na in the highest. Organ Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the high-est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.** *(please be seated)*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may dip it into the cup with red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available—simply let your server know. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing or you may remain seated.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**MOTET**      *Little Lamb Who Made Thee* (William Blake) John Taverner

**ANTHEM**      *Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren* – Brahms  
Central Brass Ensemble and Organ

**MOTET**      *Beautiful Savior* – F.M. Christiansen  
The Chorale with Alyse Jamieson, Mezzosoprano

## BLESSING

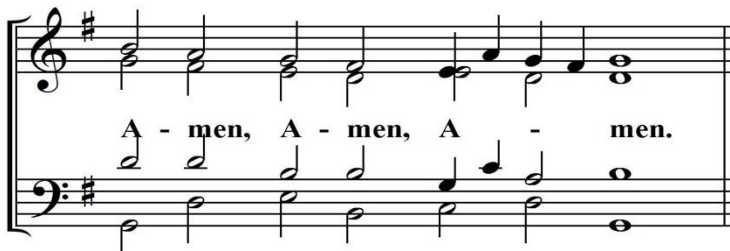
The body and blood of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living Christ, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

The blessing of the living God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

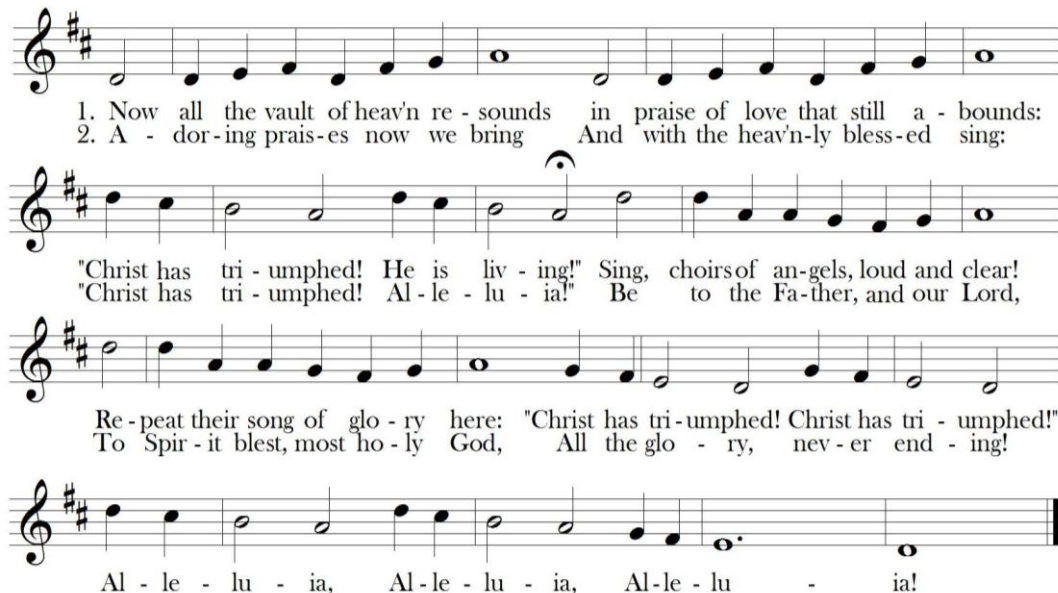


## EASTER PEAL

The Carillon



## RECESSIONAL HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1. Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that still a - bounds:  
2. A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing:

"Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear!  
"Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord,

Re - peat their song of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Toccata* from the **Fifth Organ Symphony** – Widor

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## Central Lutheran Mission

**Our mission** is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by loving God and one another, nurturing faithful living, serving those in need, and sharing the Gospel.

**Central Lutheran Church**, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Oregon Synod, is a Reconciling in Christ community: We affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's wondrous grace and unconditional love.

**We celebrate** both the human variation and inclusive unity of God's family. Following Jesus' example, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, economic circumstance, and we firmly commit to racial equity. With welcoming hearts, we invite you to join us in worship, education, fellowship, and service.

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