

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024 7:30 & 11:00 AM

April 3, 2024 7:00 PM

## The Lord's Supper at St. Paul

*God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. It is important that every partaker must be a baptized Christian and come with repentant faith. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, should first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.*

## As We Gather

Those who followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem had hopes and fears, but their experience was within what they expected. So, Isaiah's prophecy, which we shall hear again today, was one of those things that didn't seem to apply, for it was too much of a change to take seriously. And the news from the angel at the tomb went far beyond that! Life after death challenged every understanding so directly that the women were startled into fear-driven silence—at least for a time. That very day others would hear the news and soon many would see Jesus Himself, as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Today is a day to embark on a life based on the startling new reality that death is not the final word for anyone with faith in Christ. How then shall we live before we see Him ourselves?



## Preservice Music

### Welcome

### Hymn of Invocation: 478 “The Day of Resurrection”

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### Confession of Sins

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

#### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Introit

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

**The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have  
redeemed;**

**you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.**

**The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
**the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

## Kyrie *(Sing responses)*

*Mark 10:47*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day: Easter Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9** *(Please be seated)*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Handbell Anthem "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"** (7:30 only)

**Hannah Steele** (Wednesday only)

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Vocal Choir Anthem "Easter Proclamation (The Risen Christ)"** (7:30 only)

**Hannah Steele** (Wednesday only)

*(Please stand)*

**Alleluia and Verse** (11:00 only)

*John 6:68*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter. *(Sing responses)*

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, 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>And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**

and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

**Children's Hymn of the Month "The Children Cry Hosanna"** *(Please be seated)*

The children shout, "Hosanna!"  
And the men cry out, "Hosanna!"  
And the women cry "Hosanna!"  
O King of Israel.

Blessed is He who comes in the name  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is He who comes in the name  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.

And the babies cry, "Hosanna!"  
And the old men cry, "Hosanna!"  
Everybody shouts "Hosanna!"  
O King of Israel.

## Children's Object lesson


### Hymn of the Day: 465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

**Sermon** *(Please be seated)*

### Offering

*(Please fill out the fellowship pad in the pew)*

### Hymn: Bring to the Lord Your Precious Gifts



Bring to the Lord your pre - cious gifts,  
For He has ris - en from the dead,  
And we shall live for - ev - er.  
Our tal - ents, voic - es, all we have,  
We lay them at God's roy - al throne,  
From Him shall noth - ing sev - er.  
Christ has ris - en! In our think - ing, Speak - ing, act - ing,  
All our liv - ing, We our - selves to Je - sus ren - der.

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## **Prayer of the Church** *(Please stand)*

### **Preface** *(Sing responses)*

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

### **Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

### **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

*John 20:19*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

**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.**

**Distribution of the Sacrament** *(Please be seated)*

**Distribution Hymn: 474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”**

**Distribution Hymn: 486 “If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death”** *(Tune: LSB 661)*

**Thank the Lord** *(Please stand)*

*[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**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.

**Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Hymn to Depart: 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”** *(Please be seated)*

**Leaving**

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*Alleluia*

He is

*Risen*