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RESURRECTION of OUR LORD



This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

PRELUDE

Kountze Brass

K. Craig Bircher, Scott Quackenbush, Trumpet
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, Trombone
Ken Yoshida, Timpani and Percussion

GATHERING

(stand)

INTRODUCTION TO EASTER

P We all thought you were dead. We all thought the cross was the end. We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But this is it:

C the dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled,

P and one word describes it all:

C Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P We all thought you had said your final word. We thought those with the power had won. We thought that when you cried out, that was it. But this is it:

C the word breathes; the powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning,

P and one word says it all:

C Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P We all thought the story was finished. We all thought the hope had ended. We all thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it. But this is it:

C the story has just begun; the hope is newly born; the tomb is empty,

P and one word says it all:

C Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P This is the news:

C Jesus is risen!

P This is the moment:

C Jesus is alive!

P This is the gospel:

C Jesus is with us today and always!

P We all thought that when they crucified you, death had defeated life, and that was it. But this is it:

C Love is stronger than death!

P We are an Easter People

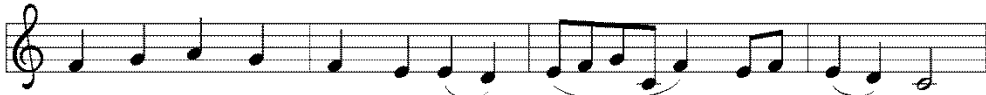
C and Alleluia is our Song!

P That words says it all:

C Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



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!

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

EASTER GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God,

G 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 will 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.

WORD

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READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL PROCESSION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?*" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.*" ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P The Gospel of our Lord



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

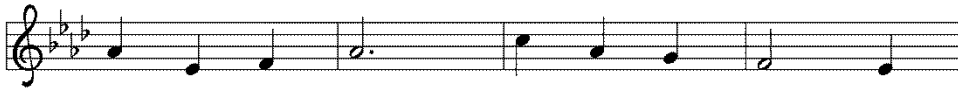
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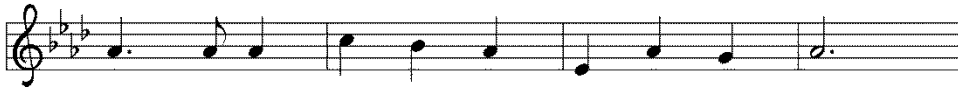
HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

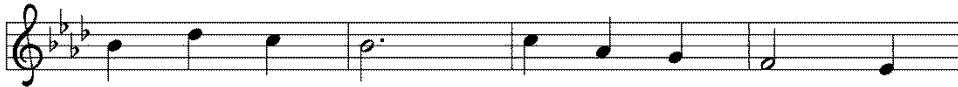
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



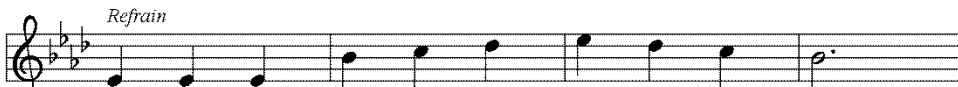
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



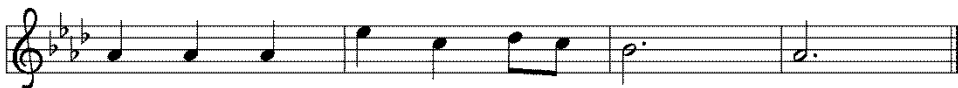
Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: ☩ Lord, in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Thanksgiving: For the baptism of Ozzie Theo Omar, son of Erik & Martha

Illness: Vicki Freeman, Emalee Gardels, Jr Green, Eunice Grunberg, Mae Johnston (mother of Sharon West), Lavern Larkowski, Jan Nelson, Alice Pickinpaugh, Gary Rodene, Ed White

Sympathy: To the family and friends of Susan Muchmore, to the family and friends of Peter Jacobsen

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, and Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Krystle Moraska & Ignacio Madrussan, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; Our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin

THE PEACE IS SHARED

- 🔊 The peace of Christ be with you always.
- 🔊 And also with you.

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MEAL

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or use the giving kiosk in the Fellowship Hall.



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” arr. Jeremy J. Bankson



All: 1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e -
Choir: 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the
All: 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er -



brate this day of days! Christ is ris - en!
cav - erns of de - spair. Walk with glad - ness
more shall be the same. Break the bread of



Hush in won - der; All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare,
new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all sur - round - ing, See, a
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is

spread - ing tree has grown. Heal - ing leaves of
ser - vant, but a friend. Je - sus is our
ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and
grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.
strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

Tune: *HYMN TO JOY (ODE TO JOY)*, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, and written in 1824 (PD).
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OFFERTORY HYMN

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
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OFFERING PRAYER

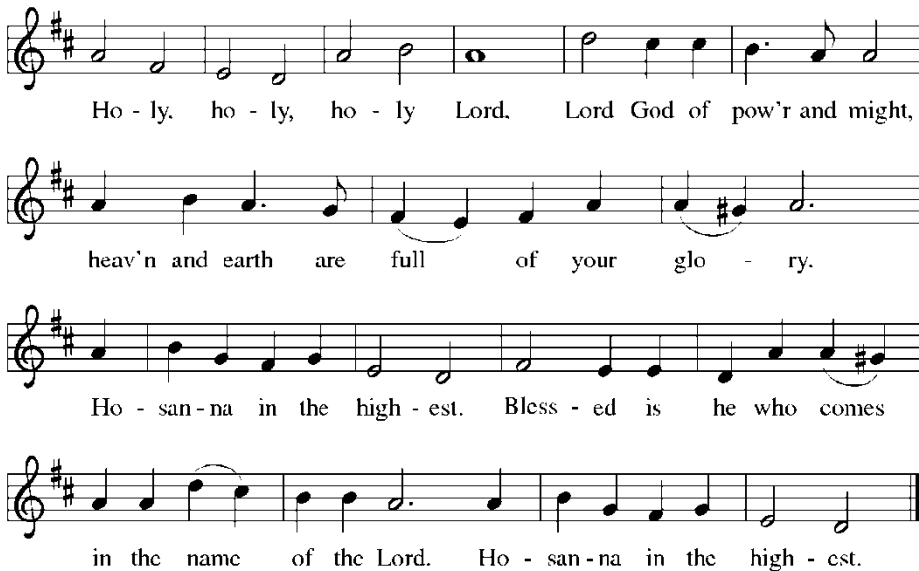
- P** Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
C as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- ☐ For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ☐ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- ☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- ☐ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- ☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- ☐ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Now let us feast this Easter day
- on Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy.

*The form of distribution is **intinction**, You will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine. Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.*

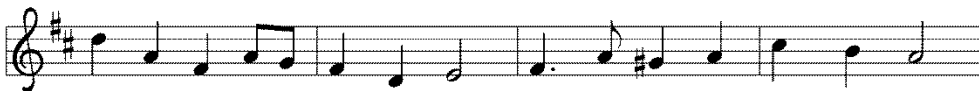
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

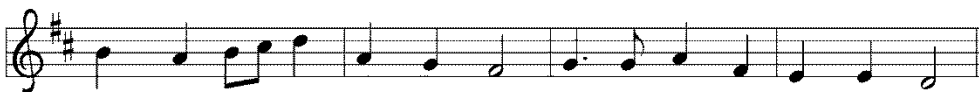
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:

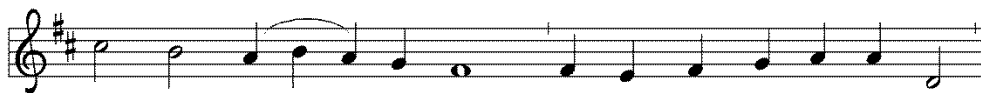


bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death’s dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 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!

7 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!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 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!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Life-giving God,

C in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us 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

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

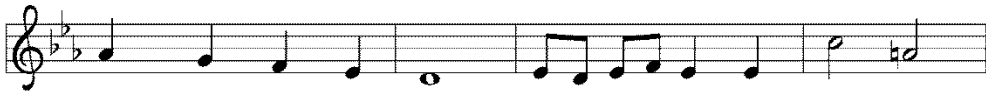
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet 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

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Can you guess how many times we said/sang “Alleluia!”?

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Thank you to the many, many
Worship Assistants that served all through
Holy Week and Easter.

He Is
RISEN
INDEED!



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*Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a **"City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry"** and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for nearly 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.*

TODAY AT KOUNTZE

KOUNTZE CAFÉ This Easter morning, join us for a Continental Breakfast. Then join us again next Sunday for a hot breakfast buffet served from 8-11 AM prepared by Jim West and the kitchen crew. The suggested donation for the hot breakfast is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger.

ADULT FORUM Join us on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 10:10-10:50 AM. **THIS WEEK:** No Forum **NEXT WEEK:** Confirmation Reception

ETERNAL CANDLE is given to the glory of God in celebration of 30 years of marriage given by Richard Ray & Diane Nickeson-Ray

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL No Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Join us each Sunday on the 2nd floor for children 2 years—8th grade. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9—10 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery). Sunday School (2 yrs—8th grade) is held from 10:10—10:50 AM.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR Grades K—5th grade. No choir today but join us again next Sunday. We meet at 9 AM in the Joyful Sounds Studio. Preschool (and grades K—5th that are not in choir) will continue with Kristin Boe for the Children's Sermon Lesson.

HIGH SCHOOL FORUM Join us each Sunday in the Youth Center at 10:10 AM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR rehearsal in the Adult Choir room each Sunday from 11—11:40 AM. Come and sing! On Easter morning we'll meet at 7:50 AM instead.

April 1 Sunday

Easter Sunday

No Sunday School

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:50 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

8:00 –11:00 AM Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

April 2 Monday

OFFICE CLOSED

April 3 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Yesterday's Youth

April 4 Wednesday

12:15 PM Worship

6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:45 PM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Alleluia!***April 5 Thursday**

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

April 7 Saturday

Homebound Communion

4:30 PM Blood Pressure Checks

5:00 PM Worship

April 8 Sunday

Homebound Communion

7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship

9:00 AM Confirmation

9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

9:00 AM Joyful Sounds Children's Choir (gr K-5)

10:10 AM Adult Forum

10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)

10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-8th gr)

11:00 AM MS/HS Choir Rehearsal

12:00 PM Book Group

8:30 PM LCM Worship @ CU (Halley Chapel)

HOLY COMMUNION All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Quiet activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a Quiet Room, just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

NURSERY is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

ATTENDANCE CARDS All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-NEWS & SOCIAL MEDIA If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ETERNAL CANDLE Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet (no flowers during Lent). The Eternal Candle is \$7.50. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to help us beautify the altar by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle.

NEW MEMBER CLASS If you are interested in joining our congregation, the next class will be held April 15 & 22 from 12—2 PM. Plan to attend both sessions. Lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Please indicate your attendance plans on your attendance card or call the church office and let us know if you will need childcare when you register.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY Spring and Summer 2018

Spring Sunday School concludes
May 20

Summer Sunday School
June 17 – July 15

LYSO – Lutheran Youth Serving Omaha
June 11 – 15 (for children/youth who have
finished kindergarten)

Outdoor Movie Night
Friday, June 22

Vacation Bible School "Camp"
Friday evening, July 21,
Saturday morning, July 22
For ALL AGES!

August 12 – Blessing of Backpacks
(as a new school year begins)
and our School Teachers/Workers

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED We're all sad to see Amanda Zasada, our current Administrative Assistant leave, but are happy that she's going to be closer to family. Now, we have to fill her position and need your help. We are seeking a Full-time Administrative Assistant who is able to relate to other staff members on a collegial basis. Time management, the ability to multi-task, and maintaining confidentiality is essential in this position. This person should be resourceful, a good problem solver, organized, and willing to help wherever needed. Salary is dependent on experience and includes paid health, life, dental insurance, and an ELCA Retirement Plan. If that person is you (or you know someone that would be a good fit for this position), please send your resume and a cover letter to Debbie Bogue (debbie@kmlchurch.org). We're anxious to talk to you.

NURSERY HELP IS NEEDED If you would like to work with the youngest members of our congregation, please contact Kristin at kristin@kmlchurch.org or by calling the church office at 402-341-7761.

YESTERDAY'S YOUTH Please join us for a "Post Easter Festival" on Tuesday, April 3 at noon. We'll be serving a delicious lunch at noon. The cost is \$4.00. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office, by Friday, March 30. If you have any questions, call Sheri Tipton at 402-415-6033. Hope to see you there!

ORDER OF SAINT JOHN COMMISSIONING AND APPRECIATION LUNCHEON Commissioning will be held at the 11:00 AM Worship Service on April 15 with a luncheon to follow at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the luncheon. The OSJ Sponsors are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all current OSJ members, alums, and parents. Acolytes will take part in a special commissioning during the 11:00 AM worship service. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM for an appreciation luncheon and present the 2018 Outstanding Acolyte Award. A group photo will also be taken. Please plan to attend this event as we honor all those who serve in this very meaningful ministry. Make your reservations by calling or texting Jeff and Robin Perkins at 402-917-2461 by Sunday, April 8.

KMLC MEN'S LUNCHEON Thursday, April 19, 11:30 AM at Kountze Memorial – Cost \$10. Our program will be announced at a later date. Watch the bulletin and e-news for more info. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 17 to the church office (402-341-7761) or Pastor Paul , paul@kmlchurch.org).

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP 9:30 AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month (April 21) in the Fellowship Lounge. What does it mean to be a woman that God's spirit can guide? Join us at the Women's Prayer Group as we examine the lives of Dorcas, Lydia, Phoebe, and other women in the New Testament with "A Woman God's Spirit Can Guide" by Alice Mathews. Join us as we reflect on what God has called us to do as we dig deep into the lives of these women who committed their gifts and talents to the Lord. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Women's Prayer Group, please contact Karen Bonneau at 402-676-5419.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY LUNCHEON Sunday, April 22, 12:30 PM in the Kountze Meeting Rooms A and B, just north of Fellowship Hall. The Social Ministry Committee is hosting a luncheon followed by holy Communion for all homebound members and friends of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. We also invite our Eucharistic Ministers to participate. To let us know you plan to come, and if you need a ride, please contact the church office at 402-341-7761 or info@kmlchurch.org.

WOMEN'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON The Spring Salad Luncheon will be April 28 at 11:30 AM. Paul Siebert will entertain with his many instruments and the history behind them. Come and bring a friend or two. No reservations or charge is required.

CPR TRAINING FOR USHERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Saturday, April 28 Kountze Commons. We strongly urge Ushers and Sunday School Teachers to be certified in CRP. Participants may choose one of two sessions: 9:00 AM to Noon or 1:30-4:30 PM. Suggested donation is \$20; limited number of 10 participants per session. Participants are eligible to take a First Aid Training free of charge at a later date.

LYSO – LUTHERAN YOUTH SERVE OMAHA Mark your calendars for LYSO the week of June 11 – 15 and then watch for more information in the Good News and bulletin. If you are an adult willing to help, please contact Pastor Paul or Kristin Boe. Thanks.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Saturday Attendance: 45

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 306 11:00: 167

Midweek - Noon: 25 **Evening:** 0

Total: 543

Pantry Guests Served: 350

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 43

Offering:

\$21,467.73 (Regular) \$1,931.00 (Specials)

\$1,313.50 (In the City for Good)

We are witnesses to the resurrection.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	John 20:1-18	Jesus is risen!
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:6-9	God wipes away all tears
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Witnesses to the resurrection
Thursday	Acts 10:34-43	The gospel is for all
Friday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection and the life
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	A song of victory
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples



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“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.” **Acts 10:40-41 (NRSV)**

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, by the power and witness of the resurrection, you are our strength and our might; you Lord Jesus, have become my salvation. Amen. (Psalm 118:14)

Mealtime Prayer:

Risen Lord Jesus, come to us this day. Bless our food, share our table, and accept our thanks. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the good news of Jesus' resurrection fill you with love, joy, peace, hope, and good courage.

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell the story of a favorite event you experienced or witnessed.
- What do you think it was like to be one of the first witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- A witness is one who has a story to tell. How are you a witness to God's saving work in the world? What story do you like to tell about how God and the resurrection of Jesus are real to you?

Read: Mark 16:1-8.

This account of the resurrection is quite surprising. It ends by noting that the women “went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid” (v. 8). The Gospel of Mark does not end with a spirit of triumph but one of fear. Some faithful Christians have been so shocked by the ending that they added more verses to the original ending of the Gospel (vv. 9-20). With either ending, it is clear that silence was not the final word, even though the women were terrified. God's message of forgiveness and resurrection must get out to the world. How does the ending of Mark help you with your fears as a witness to God's work in the world? Close by praying:

Pray: **Almighty God, we thank you for your mercy and kindness present in our lives and world. Give us courage to tell the story of hope that is ours through Christ's death and resurrection. Amen.**

Plan to bring Easter resurrection cheer to someone who is working on Easter Sunday in a hospital, nursing home, police station, or fire station. Prepare an Easter basket to deliver to them as a gift from your home.

Have an Easter egg hunt and begin the festivity with the following words:

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. *All:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Christ is risen! *All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us new life. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us your creation and all that is in it. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Lord, you give us hope and the story of the resurrection to witness to others. *All:* **Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ is risen!. *All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Let us pray. Dear God, we thank you for this day and for these Easter eggs, a sign of new life and a symbol of the resurrection. May our joy and laughter reflect the power of new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31