

Resurrection of Our Lord

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

We welcome you to the Easter Day services at Augsburg Lutheran Church. After our weeks of reflection and preparation during Lent, on this morning we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our services this day have no confessional rite since they are a continuation of the liturgy of the *Triduum*—the services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—which has no concluding benediction.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

+ GATHERING +

ACCLAMATION

Donald Armitage/William Stevens

Alleluia. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso

George Frederick Handel arr. Jack Gale

RINGING OF THE BELL

We stand.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

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

And also with you.





In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



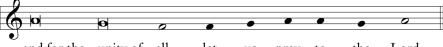
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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 mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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 the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Refrain (Sung once by the choir, repeated by the choir and assembly)



Psalm Tone (verses sung by the assembly)



Choir:

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

Assembly:

 $^{15}\mbox{Shouts}$ of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents † of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

17I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death. **R**∕

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

22The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone. **R**7

²³By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the ∣ LORD has made; let us rejoice and be ∣ glad in it. **R**∕

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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, 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. For 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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL HYMN 366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (Stanzas 1-3)

VICTORY

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

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]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But 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. But 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." So 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.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL HYMN 366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (Stanzas 4-5)

VICTORY

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Rev. Katie B. Bryant

SERMON Rev. Paul A. Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please honor those who prefer not to physically share the peace.

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

We pass the offering plates in recognition that we are all invited to participate in sharing the gifts of abundance with what God has first given us. We recognize that many share their financial gifts online or at different frequencies; passing the plates connects us in our giving, no matter how we share. Please pass the plate down the pew and then onto the next row.

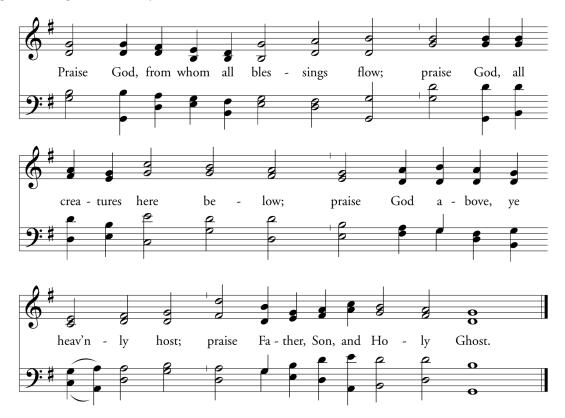
The Assembly is invited to join in singing Stanza 4 of today's anthem



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We stand.

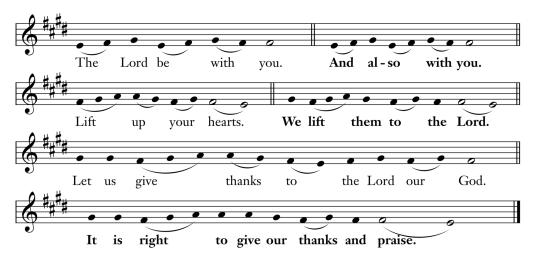
OFFERTORY HYMN



Let us pray.

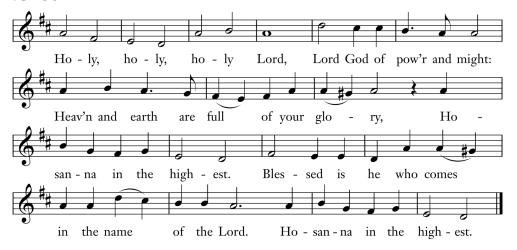
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe... Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

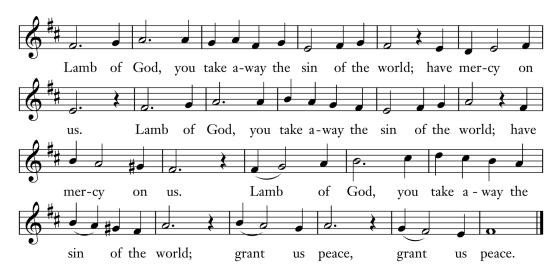
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

For thine is the kingdom,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

You are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands over their chest when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM Hilariter

The whole bright world rejoices now, *Hilariter*, *Hilariter*. The birds do sing on ev'ry bough Alleluya, Alleluya.

Then shout beneath the racing skies, Hilariter, Hilariter.

To him who rose that we might rise, Alleluya, Alleluya.

And all you living things make praise, Hilariter, Hilariter.

He guideth you on all your ways, Alleluya, Alleluya.

He Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Hilariter, Hilariter.

Our God most high, our joy and boast. Alleluya, Alleluya.

HYMN 362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing **HYMN** 370 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

text: German Carol, 1623

music: Alec Wyton

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Oh Lord, We Praise You



Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and + give you peace.



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata *from* Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

Soli Deo Gloria

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The Reverend Katie B. Bryant, Youth & Emerging Ministries

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