

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Handbells "Lift High the Cross", by Cynthia Dobrinski **Handbells** "Alleluia! He Is Risen" by John A. Behnke

Handbells "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" by Kevin McChesney

Handbells Random Ring

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3

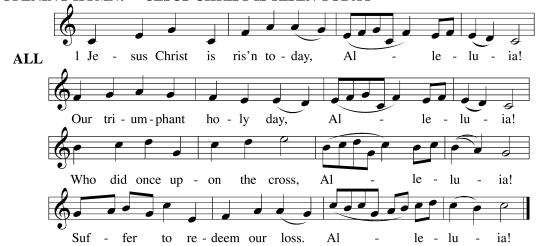
- P Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
- **C** we too might walk in newness of life.
- P If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- **G** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

The **Alleluias** have returned!

Today we rejoice again in our risen Lord and Savior! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

LSB 457



All

Women: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Men: Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Women: Who endured the cross and grave, Men: Sinners to redeem and save.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 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! 4 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!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 51.17

On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P Heavenly Father,
- we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.
- P Lord Jesus,
- we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.
- P O Holy Spirit,
- we have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus' name.
- Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9, LSB 155



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** Let us pray.
- O God, for our redemption You gave Your only begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; 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

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

⁶On 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. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you

stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you

hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you

all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

believed in vain.

still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are

was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it

his grace toward me was not in vain. On the

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CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Risen Christ!" by Keith Getty and Phil Madeira

HOLY GOSPEL

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a

Mark 16:1–8 white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And 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.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C 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.

HYMN: "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"

Brass/Organ Introduction LSB 461



Women

3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

Men

4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

All

- 7 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!

TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

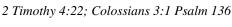
OFFERING: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" by Tyleen Stults

Piano/Flute

To our visitors: The **Lord's Supper** is celebrated at St. John in the confession that not only bread and wine, but Jesus Christ's very body and blood are given to us to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith in Him and our union with one another. Our Lord invites to His table all those who believe His words, repent of all sin, and set aside all refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. *If this is your first time at St John or have not been instructed about the Lord's Supper we ask that you speak to the Pastor before communing with us.*

THE LORD'S SUPPER - PREFACE

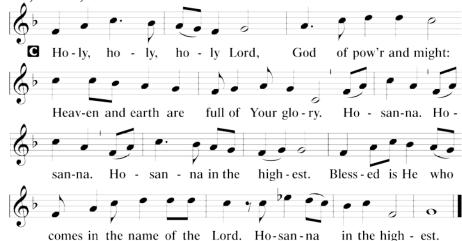
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9, LSB 161



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD - Agnus Dei

John 1:29, LSB 163



DISTRIBUTION:

"Lamb of God" by Joel Raney

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

Piano/Flute LSB 466

LSB 480

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

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

CLOSING HYMN: "NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS"



Choir

- O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
 Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day
 That by our lives we truly say:
 "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:
 "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
 Be to the Father and our Lord,
 To Spirit blest, most holy God,
 All the glory, never ending!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring

ORGAN: "Halleluiah" by George Frederick Handel

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist/Preacher:Rev. Michael BorgstedeOrganist:Doreen SutherlandElder:Andrew JohnsonAcolyte:Kylie Fontana

Reader: Paul Salefske

Counting Team: Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir

Altar Guild for April: Donna Cornell, Anita Garito, Bev Harder

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Handbells Brass Michele Steiner Lorrie Weir Quartet Mike Scive Cheryl Oliver Sara Borgstede Josiah Borgstede Josiah Borgstede Mike Scive Sue Kenyon Luke Sutherland Zachary Will Suzette Drenko Herb Meissner Elaine Schaffer Cheryl Oliver Flute Melissa Germann Michele Steiner Lynn Willis



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