

# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

FESTIVE WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION



EASTER

MARCH 31, 2024—10:00 AM

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

+ *Congregation Please Stand*

## **PRELUDE**

*Violin Partita No. 3 in E Major, BWV 1006*

**J.S. Bach**

*III. Gavotte en Rondeau*

Katelyn McClinton, violin

*Four Variations on Gelobt sei Gott*

**George Brandon**

## + **EASTER GREETING**

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.**

Let us pray,

Eternal God, In Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Christ, yesterday and today. The beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; To Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever. **Amen.**

## + **LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

+ ***OPENING HYMN - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*** ***ELW 365***

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today,  
Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day,  
Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross,  
Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss.  
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!

2 Hymns of praise then let us  
sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king,  
Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave,  
Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above,  
Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love;  
Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host,  
Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!

+ ***EASTER PROCLAMATION***

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**  
Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**  
Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

+ ***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.**

### ***FIRST READING - Acts 10:34-43***

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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.

<sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### ***PRAISE ANTHEM - Behold the Lamb***

### ***SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and 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 and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <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, unfit 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 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Now All the Vault of Heaven**

*Resounds*

*ELW 367*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"	Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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**+ GOSPEL - John 20:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John 20<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to 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.’” <sup>18</sup>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.

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

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Now All the Vault of Heaven**

***Resounds***

**ELW 367**

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed  
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!

***PRAISE ANTHEM - He Lives / Because He Lives***

***VISIT WITH RUFUS***

***Pastor Brian McClinton***

***EASTER MESSAGE***

***Pastor Brian McClinton***

**HYMN OF THE DAY - Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**

**ELW 382**

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore  
him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before  
him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.

*Refrain*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of  
gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him  
bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded  
brow. *Refrain*

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him  
lay  
now has found a glorious  
morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first fruits  
giving,  
springing up from holy  
ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is  
living;  
he was lost, but he is found.

*Refrain*

4 Christ is risen! Henceforth  
never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have  
ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

**+ *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 THE CHURCH***

**+ *SHARING THE PEACE***

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

***OFFERING***

***MUSIC OFFERING - Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious***



**+ OFFERTORY - As the Grains of Wheat**

**ELW 465**

**Refrain**

As the grains of wheat once  
scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to  
become our bread;  
so may all your people from  
all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is  
shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of  
your love. *Refrain*

2 Let this be a foretaste of all  
that is to come  
when all creation shares this  
feast with you. *Refrain*

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

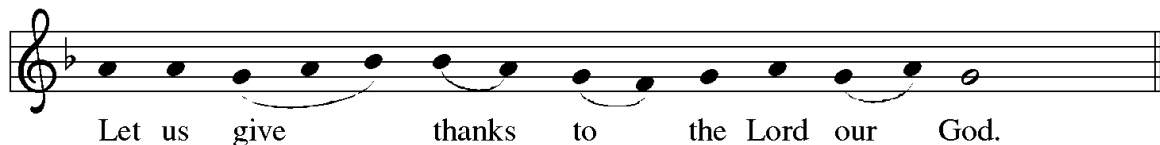
**+ GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

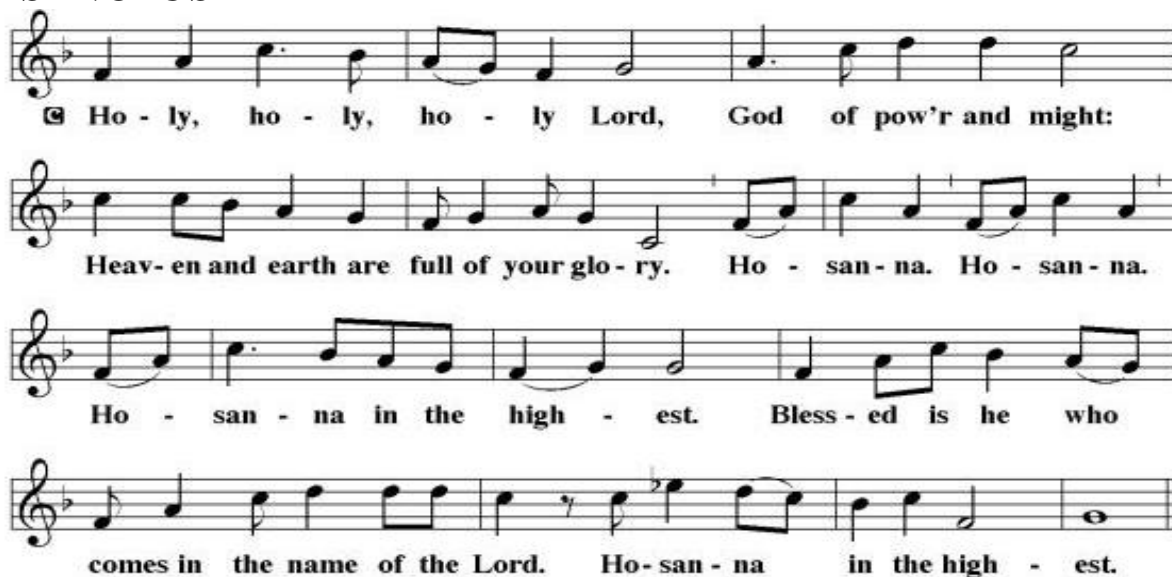


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**+ PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ **SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

+ **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

+ **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**

This is the body of Christ. This is the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O God in the breaking of bread as you have once revealed yourself to your disciples.**

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Taste and See*

*ELW 493*

*Congregation sings the refrain, Praise Team sings the verses*

*I am the Bread of Life*

*ELW 485*

+ **BLESSING**

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

+ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ **BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ **CLOSING HYMN - Thine Is the Glory**

**ELW 376**

1 Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

+ **DISMISSAL**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE - Prelude on "This Joyful Eastertide"***

**John Dixon**



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