

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 4, 2021

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Ringing of Chimes and Procession of the Candle

P: Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Trumpet Fanfare & Procession of Cross
Andrew Bork, Trumpet

Entrance
Joel Forthun, Timpani

Josh Rogan

Processional Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN) ELW 365 LBW 151
Hymn Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

Thank you to the 1,784 vocal and instrumental participants in the virtual choir and orchestra for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians production of this hymn. It is a gift from the musicians and ALCM to the whole people of God celebrating Easter in the era of the pandemic. Please check out the video on our website or facebook page to see the video performance (on verse three you will see AGLC musicians who participated in the recording).

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!

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!

3 Choir only

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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day (Pray together)

God of promise, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When 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. The Gospel of Easter!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

Pastor Tess Panamarow

Hymn of the Day The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (VICTORY)

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you, from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Creed (explanation to the Second Article of the Creed by Dr. Martin Luther)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten from the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Offering

Prayers of God's People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing Easter Peace (The great horn honk!)

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us eternal life.

In the same night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, 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. Together as the Body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

P: Lord, remember us in Your love, and teach us to pray.

C: 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 the Table:

All believers in Jesus Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table! We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is with us "in, with and under" the elements of bread and wine. The feast is ready.

Distribution

Anthem Was It a Morning Like This? Sanctuary Choir, Easter 2017 Jim Croegaert

*1. Was it a morning like this? When the sun still hid from Jerusalem
And Mary rose from her bed To tend the Lord she thought was dead*

*2. Was it a morning like this? When Mary walked down from Jerusalem
And two angels stood at the tomb, Bearers of news she would hear soon*

Chorus 1

Did the grass sing? Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?

Over and over like a trumpet underground Did the earth seem to pound He is risen?

Over and over in a never ending round. He is risen hallelujah, hallelujah!

*3. Was it a morning like this? When Peter and John ran from Jerusalem
And as they raced t'ward the tomb. Beneath their feet was there a tune*

Chorus 2

Over and over like a trumpet underground Did the earth seem to pound He is risen?

Over and over in a never ending round. He is risen hallelujah, hallelujah!

Ending

Was it a morning like this? When my Lord looked out on Jerusalem

He is risen. Hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,

and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn Lift High the Cross (CRUCIFER)

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Recording is AGLC Congregation and Sanctuary Choir, Easter 2017

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

3 Choir – *Sung by AGLC Sanctuary Choir Easter 2017*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Crown Him With Glory

arr. Sandra Zylstra

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Crown him With Many Crowns