



Emmanuel
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Holy Season of Easter

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Introduction

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

GATHERING: THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Welcome

A Prayer of Healing for the Nations

Pastor: In this time of pandemic, let us pray...

A moment of silence for reflection.

Pastor: From a world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus disease,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fevers and difficulty breathing, from sickness and dying,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From fear and worry, from stress and weariness

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: From isolation and loneliness, from uncertainty and loss

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: We are all ages and all colors, all genders and all creeds

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: For our families and friends, all communities and all nations,

All: heal us, O Lord.

Pastor: In Jesus' name we pray

All: heal us, O Lord. Amen.



Prelude

Resurrecting

Brown, Brock, Furtick, Joye, Ntele

(text for reflection)

Verse 1

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at his feet we bow

Verse 2

The one who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

Chorus

Your name
Your name
Is victory
All praise
Will rise
To Christ our king

Verse 3

The fear that held us now gives way
To him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross
Is now alive in me

Bridge

By your spirit I will rise
From the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king
Is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive
To declare your victory
The resurrected king
Is resurrecting me

Verse 4

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave



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Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season of Easter we are gathered in the name of the Father, † the Son and the Holy Spirit—the Creator of life, the Savior of life, and the Giver of life.

All: Amen.

Opening Song

This Is Amazing Grace

Farro, Riddle, Wickham

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave



Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

All: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the well your Son promised a spring of water gushing up to eternal life, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: We praise you for your salvation through water and your Word, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. We are washed in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

All: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: To you, O God, be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen!



Hymn of Praise

This Is The Feast

ELW #3 with organ

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WORD: GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HOLY SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

Reader: ^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 16



Reader: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

Reader: ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

All: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

Reader: ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

All: ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

Reader: ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

All: ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Reader: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

All: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

Reader: ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Reader: ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!



Week of the Young Child Celebration

Introductory Words

Song: This Little Light of Mine

Prayer of Blessing for Our Young Children

Pastor: God of love, in this week of the young child, we lift up in prayer to you the young children of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and preschool, of our families, and of our communities.

All: Bless them, O Lord.

Pastor: God of life, may our young children always be fed and nourished in spirit, in body, and mind.

All: Bless them, O Lord.

Pastor: God of faith, may our young children grow in trust of you, learning the ways of your Son, Jesus Christ, and living lives loving and serving others.

All: Bless them, O Lord.

Pastor: God of wisdom and strength, send your Holy Spirit to guide and support parents, grandparents, families, congregations, and teachers of young children. We pray especially for our preschool teachers: Alea, Adele, Julie, Connie, Amy K., Jennifer M., Kristin, Melissa R., Jenny K., Stefanie, Melissa N., Sunny, Katherine, Trish, Maureen, Julie S., Jennifer K., Kim Sue, Katie, Alison, and Jenny R.

All: Bless them, O Lord.

Pastor: God of abundant blessings, we give you thanks and praise for the gifts who are the young children in our lives and throughout the world.

All: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!



The Gospel Acclamation (ELW 3) Revelation led

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of St. John, the twentieth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!



A Word

“That Y'all May Come to Believe” based upon John 20:19-31 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Hymn of the Day

Thine Is The Glory

ELW #376

Thine Is the Glory

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
 greets 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!



Nicene Creed

Leader: We proclaim our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All: 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

Leader: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.



Leader: Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the ways of healing, O God, bless the life-giving efforts of all medical professionals during this coronavirus pandemic. Protect them and give them wisdom, strength, and endurance. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Peace

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.



The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to the World

Announcements

Blessing

Pastor: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.



Hymn

Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sending

Leader: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Christ lag in Todesbanden
("Christ Lay In Death's Bands)

(BWV 625) J.S. Bach