



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The Holy Season of Easter

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

Worship Livestream at www.facebook.com/elcvienna





Introduction

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

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

Abide With Us: For It Is Toward Evening, And The Day Is Spent
Jarolim Weinberger (Luke 24: 28-29)

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.

Gathering Hymn

This Joyful Eastertide

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This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version
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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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Reader: ^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Reader: ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

All: ²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.



Reader: ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

All: ⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

Reader: ¹²How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

All: ¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

Reader: ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people.

All: ¹⁵Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

Reader: ¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

All: ¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

Reader: ¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God’s people,

All: ¹⁹in the courts of the LORD’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

Reader: ¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so



that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.
²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

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 Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor: ¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in



Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

A Word

"On the Road" based upon Luke 24:13-35 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

Song of the Day

Open The Eyes Of My Heart



Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

CHORUS

$\text{♩} = 112$ F^5 C/E

O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .

4 Bb^2/D Bb^2 F^{sus} F

_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

8 **VERSE** F^{sus} C Dm

To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin -

12 Bb^2 C^{sus} C

- ing in the light of Your glo - ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; .

15 Dm Gm^{11} C^{sus} 1. $D.C.$ 2.

_ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. _

BRIDGE

20 F^5 C/E

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; _

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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: For those whose hearts are fervent with love for your gospel, that they are empowered to tell the story of your love in their lives and to show hospitality in response to this love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the faith forming ministries of this church. For those who participate in Sunday school and adult education; guide and inspire learners of every age and ability. We give you thanks for our Formation Director, Kathy Uffelman. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For the diverse natural world: for jungles, prairies, forests, valleys, mountains, and for all the wild and endangered animals who call these spaces home, that they are nurtured and protected. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For broken systems we have inherited and that we continue to perpetuate, forgive us. Restrain the nations from fighting over limited resources. Redeem us from the cycles of scarcity and violence. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who call upon your healing name, give rest. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, and desiring healing in body and spirit (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: For all of our healers, give grace. 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: Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. We remember today especially...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.

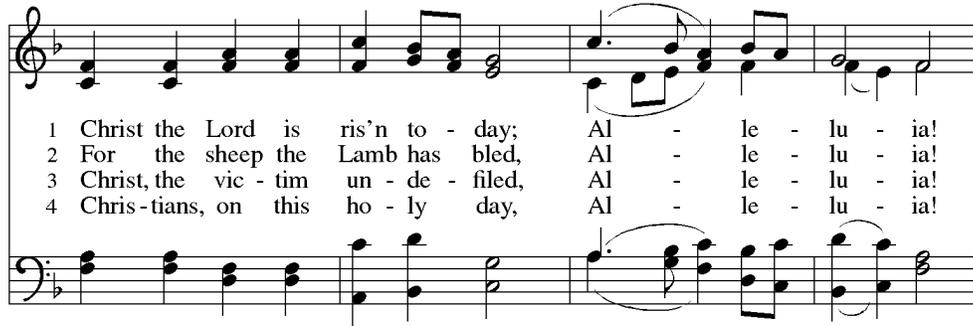
All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

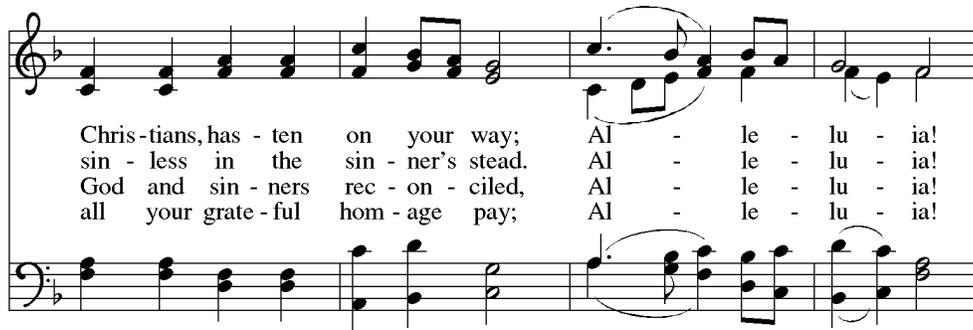
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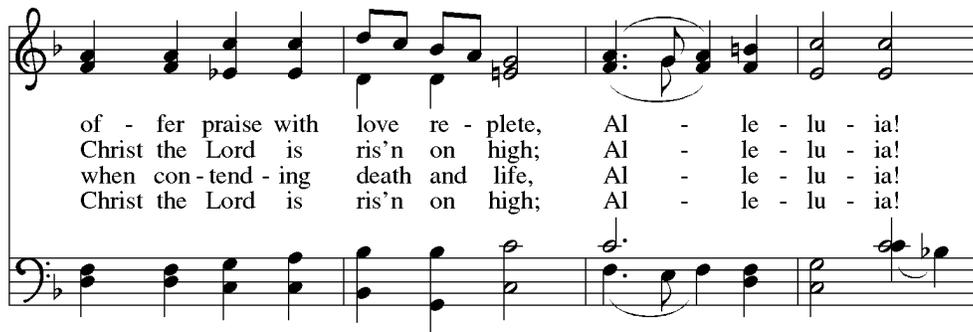
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821



Sending

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

Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude I Will Rise (Text for Reflection)

Verse 1

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

(And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb
(REPEAT)



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