

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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Preservice Song

I Will Rise

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."
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.

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

(Chorus)

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!"
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

(Chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* ELW384

That Easter day with joy was bright;
The sun shone out with fairer light
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,
With constant love our hearts possess;
To you our lips will ever raise
The tribute of our grateful praise.

O Christ, you are the Lord of all
In this our Easter festival,
For you will be our strength and shield
From ev'ry weapon death can wield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
To you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
And God the Spirit, now we raise!

Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

L A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

L We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the sections in bold print.

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his
robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

L A reading from John's first letter.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The congregation remains seated during the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary Magdalene (*announcing to the disciples*): I have seen the Lord, and this is what He said to me . . .

Narrator: ¹⁹ On that same evening (Resurrection Sunday), the followers gathered together behind locked doors in fear that some of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were still searching for them. Out of nowhere, Jesus appeared in the center of the room.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

Narrator: ²⁰ As He was speaking, He revealed the wounds in His hands and side. The disciples began to celebrate as it sank in that they were really seeing the Lord.

Jesus: ²¹ I give you the gift of peace. In the same way the Father sent Me, I am now sending you.

Narrator: ²² Now He drew close enough to each of them that *they could feel His breath*. He breathed on them:

Jesus: Welcome the Holy Spirit of the living God. ²³ You now have the mantle of God's forgiveness. As you go, you are able to share the life-giving power to forgive sins, or to withhold forgiveness.

Narrator: ²⁴ All of the eleven were present with the exception of Thomas. ²⁵ He heard the accounts of each brother's interaction with the Lord.

The Other Disciples: We have seen the Lord!

Thomas: Until I see His hands, feel the wounds of the nails, and put my hand to His side, I won't believe what you are saying.

Narrator: ²⁶ Eight days later, they gathered again behind locked doors; and Jesus reappeared. This time Thomas was with them.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

Narrator: ²⁷ He drew close to Thomas.

Jesus: Reach out and touch Me. See the punctures in My hands; reach out your hand, and put it to My side; leave behind your faithlessness, and believe.

Thomas (*filled with emotion*): ²⁸ You are the one True God and Lord of my life.

Jesus: ²⁹ Thomas, you have faith because you have seen Me. Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe.

Narrator: ³⁰ Jesus performed many other wondrous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ These accounts are recorded so that you, too, might believe that Jesus is the Anointed, *the Liberating King*, the Son of God, because believing grants you the life He came to share.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

Resurrection Hymn

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Prayers of the People

P Beloved, I ask you prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation. After each category is announced, offer your own petitions aloud or in silence

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **ELW752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P For the church. [C Names]

P For our nation, and for the nations of the world. [C Names]

P For God's blessings, in thanksgiving. [C Names]

P For the poor. [C Names]

P For the sick. [C Names]

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

☞ MEAL ☞

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the “DONATE” tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory Song *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*

O praise the Name of the Lord our God.
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. (3x)

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. ... Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Great Things

Come, let us worship our King.
Come, let us bow at His feet.
He has done great things.
See what our Savior has done.
See how His love overcomes.
He has done great things.
He has done great things.

Chorus:

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.
You free every captive and break every chain.
O God, You have done great things.
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.
O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm.
You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen.
You will do great things.
God, You do great things.
(Chorus)

Hallelujah, God above it all!
Hallelujah, God unshakable!
Hallelujah, You have done great things!
(Repeat)

You've done great things!
(Chorus)

You have done great things.
O God, You do great things!

Prayer After Communion

- L Let us pray.
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and
nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to
proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
- C **Amen.**

✎ SENDING ✎

Blessing

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- L The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and
the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
- C **Amen.**

Sending Song

Glory to Jesus

Glory to Jesus, risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the victory over death you won;
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where your body lay:

Refrain:

Glory to Jesus, risen, conquering Son!
Endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord is living, death has lost its sting:

(Refrain)

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of Life:
What is life without you? Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through your deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to your home above:

(Refrain)

Dismissal

L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*, Lent.