

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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❧ 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!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

- P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Let us pray together.

- C 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.

Sharing the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- A Let us pray. [*Silence for reflection*]
O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

A reading from Acts.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ **Hosanna! O Lord, save us!**

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ **The Lord is God and has given us light.**

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is
to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and
made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be
glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

P The holy gospel according to Saint John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So 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.”

²⁶ A 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.” ²⁷ Then 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.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that

you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song *To You All Hearts Are Open.* ACS 1012

To you all hearts are open, to you all desires known.
To you there are no secrets, almighty God; we come to you.

The prayers conclude with:

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

✠ MEAL ✠

Sharing Our Gifts

A 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 *Love Has Come* ELW 292

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Easter.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray together.

C 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.

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 Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

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 O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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.**

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 Hymn ***Can't No Grave Hold My Body Down***

It was early one mornin' just about the break of day
The angels came in glory and rolled the stone, stone away.
When the women came along and they found the Savior was gone.
Can't no grave hold my body down.

Refrain:

Can't no grave hold my body down.
Can't no grave hold my body down.
When the first trumpet sounds
I'm gonna get up out of the ground.
Can't no grave hold my body down.

Listen up dear Gabriel, stand on land and the sea.
Don't you go blowin' that trumpet till you hear orders from me.
Now the night is almost gone and the day is comin' on.
Can't no grave hold my body down. (*Refrain twice*)

Can't no grave hold my body down.
Can't no grave hold my body down.

(Refrain)

Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

A The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.

I'm accepted; You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
because You died and rose again.

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.

(Repeat Chorus)

In all I do I honor You.
You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.

(Chorus)

Dismissal

A Alleluia. Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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