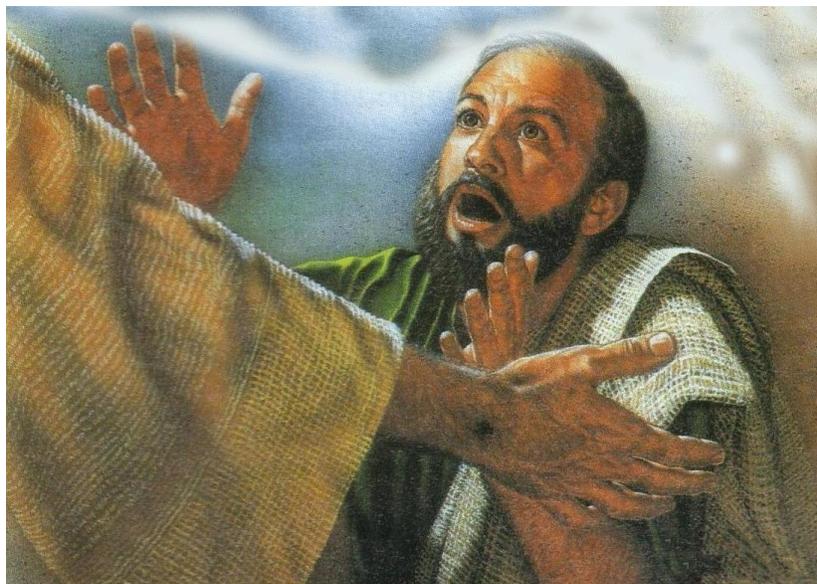


Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday – April 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m. Worship

(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn # 482 “This Joyful Eastertide”



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west
Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:
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; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Tune: Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Exhortation

Psalm 43:4; Psalm 124:8 290

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins

LSB 254

- L** Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.
L By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
C Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23] LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 148

Psalm 148

- P** ¹Praise the LORD!
- C** **Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!**
- P** ²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!
- C** ³**Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!**
- P** ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
C **and you waters above the heavens!**
- P** ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
- C** **For he commanded and they were created.**
- P** ⁶And he established them forever and ever;
- C** **he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
- P** ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
C **you great sea creatures and all deeps,**
- P** ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
C **stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
- P** ⁹Mountains and all hills,
C **fruit trees and all cedars!**
- P** ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
C **creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
C **princes and all rulers of the earth!**
- P** ¹²Young men and maidens together,
C **old men and children!**
- P** ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
C **for his name alone is exalted;**
- P** his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** ¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people,**
- P** praise for all his saints,
C **for the people of Israel who are near to him.**
- ALL** **Praise the LORD!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 5:12-32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John 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, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. 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.”

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 471:1-3 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

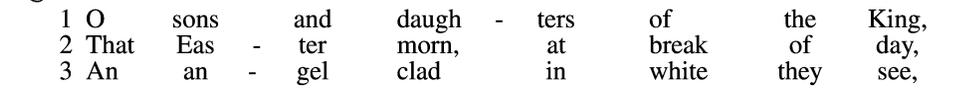
Refrain



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



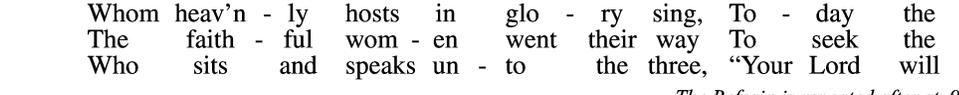
1 O sons and daughters of the King,



2 That Easter morn, at break of day,



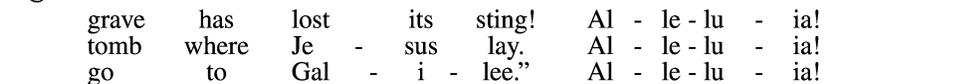
3 An angel clad in white they see,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the



The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the



Who sits and speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!



tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!

go to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, **“Peace be with you.”** ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”** ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”**

Hymn # 471:4-5 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”



4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard



A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, “My
That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



peace be with you here.” Al - le - lu - ia!
the dis - ci - ples’ word. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel (continued): John 20:24-31

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”**

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 471:6-9 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"



6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;
 8 How blest are they who have not seen
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days



And look up - on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my
 And yet whose faith has con - stant been, For they e -
 Be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise: To God your

The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.



but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord and God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!
 hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



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

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Sermon: "Struggling Through Doubt"

John 20:19-31

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn # 488 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray,

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

As Offerings are brought to the Altar, we sing:

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Hymn # 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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