

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 16th, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Second Sunday of Easter

Introduction for the Day: 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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Karen Natterstad

Temple Talk – Equipping the Saints Andy Cherney

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Let us begin as we live in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. As we enter into the good news that this new dawn brings, may we know the peace that Jesus gives.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

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

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, forgive our sins, so that we may receive and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.

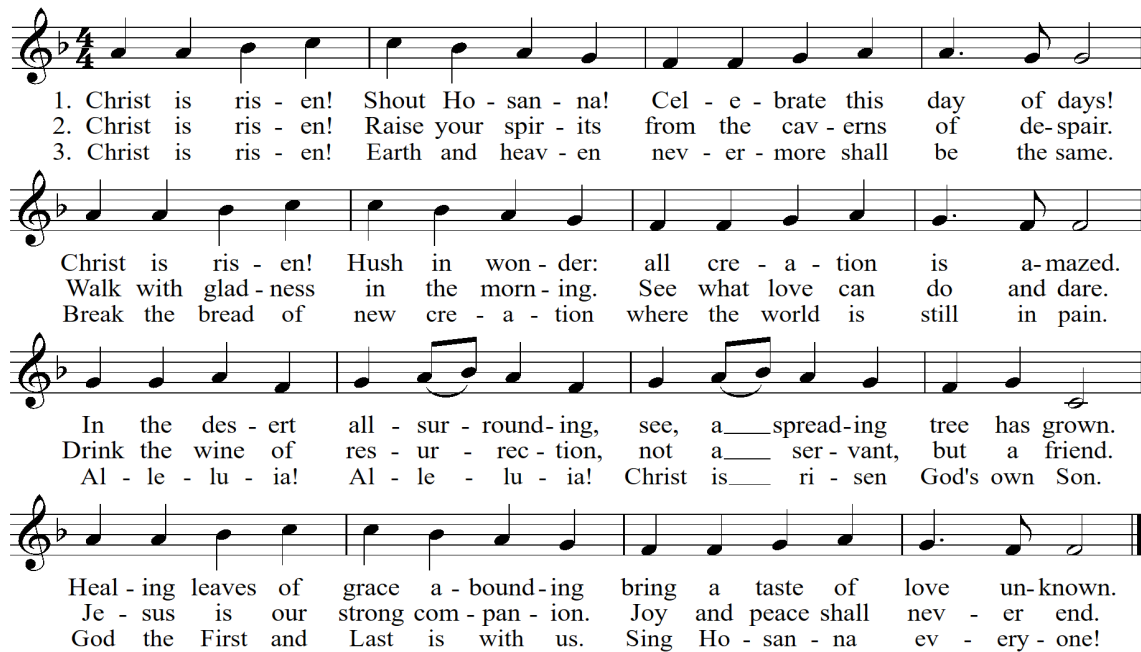
"Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name."

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a ___ spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ___ ser - vant, but a friend.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ___ ri - sen God's own Son.

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Opening Litany for the 2nd Sunday of Easter & Greeting

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Thomas touched Jesus' hands and side, he became a believer.

Help us to believe in your resurrection.

Through the words in Scripture, generations of people came to know Jesus as their
Savior.

Give us the strength to share with those who have yet to believe.

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

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.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ from the Dead is Raised

1. Christ from the dead is raised; The reign of death is o'er! Christ's
 2. How rich - ly blest are all who, see - ing not, be - lieve and

ho - ly name be praised now and for - ev - er - more! Al - le - lu -
 heed the Sa - vior's call; great com - fort they re - ceive. Al - le - lu -

ia! Christ from the grave is ris'n to save! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ia! The Lord who lives rich bless - ings gives! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O risen Lord!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O risen Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Frank Janzow

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#384 That Easter Day With Joy was Bright

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of hymnal or page 104

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

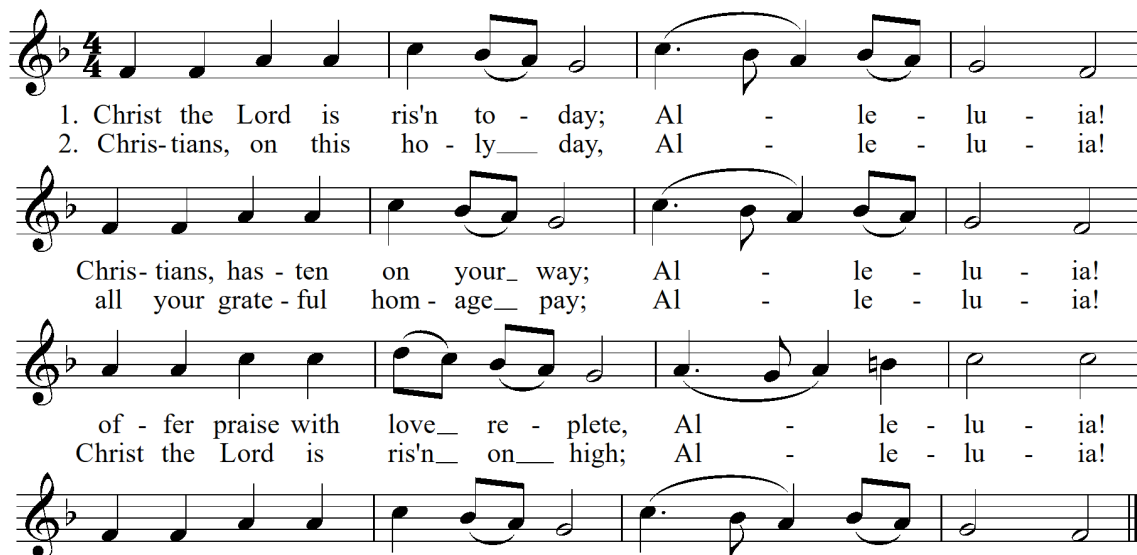
Musical Offering

Jan Janzow

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris- tians, has - ten on your way; 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!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Offertory Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving - Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

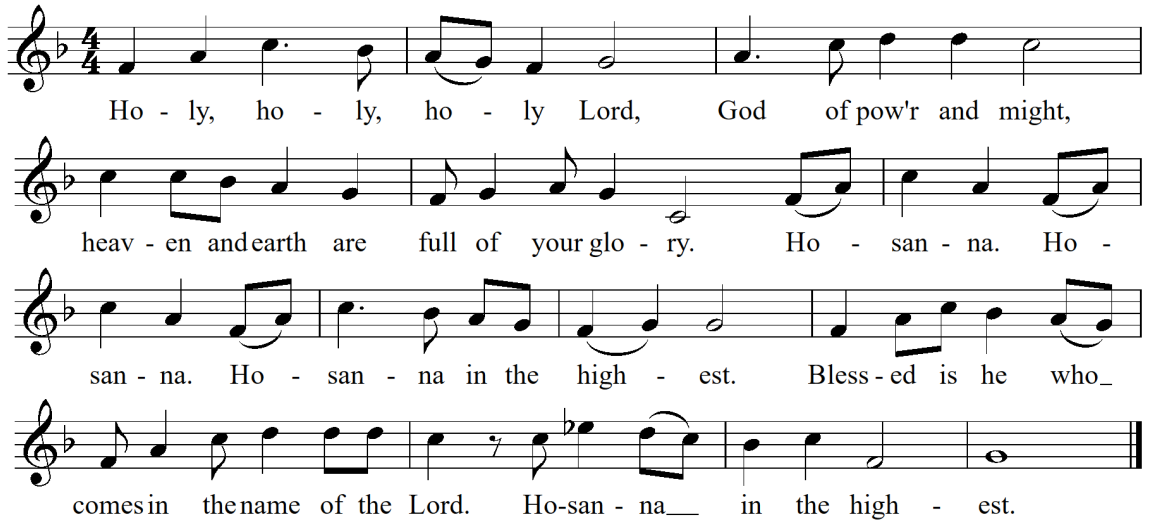
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who_
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

(11:00 Service)

First Communion

We celebrate with Elijah Lanza his First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your life. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

We who are hungry, we who are thirsty, we come.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

#486 God Extends an Invitation/

Nuestro Padre nos Invita

Communion Hymn

#391 This Joyful Eastertide

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As Thomas asked to touch your body in order to believe we have touched your body in this blessed meal. We believe, O God. And we cry to you with Thomas, "You are our Lord. You are our God." We bear witness to your resurrection. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Alleluia! Amen!

Sending Song

#646 The Peace of the Lord/La paz del Señor

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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."

Psalms 16

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed 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.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

When 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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

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