



# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Wilbur Held

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

**All: His faithful love endures forever!**

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Liturgist: The Lord has done it this very day;

**All: Let us rejoice today and be glad.** *Psalm 118:1, 22-24*

\* **All Singing: 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Resurrected Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** 192 "O Que Bueno Es Jesus/Oh How Good is Christ the Lord"  
*Singing once in Spanish and once in English*

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: Peter bore witness saying, "They killed him by hanging on the cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

**All:** **He was not seen by all people, but witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.**

Liturgist: He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

**All:** **>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."**

*Acts 10:39-43*

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

Choir: "He Has the Power"

Roberts

Christ! He rose to tell the world.  
He has the power, almighty power in his hands.  
The grave could not hold the Son of Man.  
I'm so glad he lives today.  
He gave his life for me, he gave his life for you,  
and I'm so glad he has the power in his hands.  
The tomb is bare where he once laid.  
He ascended and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Liturgist: Christ indeed has been raised from the dead.

**All:** **For since dead came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a human being.**

Liturgist: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. When the end comes he will hand over the kingdom to God the after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

**All:** **The last enemy to be destroyed is death.**

*I Corinthians 15:10-26 adapted*

\* **All Singing:** 206 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 5*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** **Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Red Letter Revelation

\* **All Singing: 181 “See What a Morning”**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Tuition Assistance

OFFERTORY “There Is a Redeemer”

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”

Raney

## Communion

INSTITUTION  
THANKSGIVING  
INVITATION  
COMMUNION

Choir: “Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ”

Hillert

*Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

“Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.”

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

\* **All Singing: 809 “Remembering with Love and Hope”**

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 956 “To God Be the Glory”**

Postlude: “Hallelujah Chorus”

G.F. Handel

**Worship Leaders**

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Isaiah Drenth
Vocalists:	Jeff & Ginny Carpenter	Liturgist:	Josh Larsen
Trumpet:	Eric Robbert	Prayer:	Bea Larsen
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Choir Director:	David Baar		
Choir Accompanist:	Monika Miadragovic		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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