

The Festival of the
RESURRECTION

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PRELUDE

“Prelude” (Brass and Organ)

“Celebration Fanfare”

Charles Callahan

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Charles Evans

Andrew Brown, trumpet; Heather Ellenwood, trumpet; Brian McCloskey, horn; Andrew Wolff, tuba

CHORAL GREETING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today”

LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, praise mysteries divine with exultation;

People: for the victory of so great a King, sound forth the trumpet of salvation.

Pastor: Exult, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendid, eternal King,

People: know that the ancient darkness has been banished; let seas and oceans, hills and trees rejoice and sing.

Pastor: Be glad with them, O Church, the bride of Christ clothed with the brightness of such light,

People: and let this house with joy resound, our voices praise Christ's glorious might.

Pastor: Join me now to praise God's glorious, gracious love:

People: to Father, Spirit, risen Son be honor here and in heaven above.

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Even on this festival day, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the sure news of Your resurrection dispel the fears that well up within us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in weakness. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve Your judgment in time and eternity. Forgive us and renew in us the sure hope of joining saints and angels around the eternal feast which You have prepared for all who call Your Son their Savior and Lord.

Pastor: By His suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by His rising has destroyed the power of death. As a called and ordained servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus 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.

People: ♪ Amen.

FESTIVAL INTROIT

Karl Osterland

Pastor/Choir: He is risen, Hallelujah. Why seek ye the living among the dead?

Hallelujah. Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah. The Son of Man must be crucified and the third day rise again. Thou crownest Him with glory and power. Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

LSB p. 186

People: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE Rev 5:12

“This is the Feast”

LSB p. 155

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



■ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: You, eternal Word of the Father, God from God, light from light

People: **your love is stronger than death.**

Pastor: Your love breaks through the prison of death and destruction and becomes visible again in Your risen body. O Lord, who will ever be able to understand the heart in which your divine love became flesh! Again I look at You. You rose from the dead,

People: **and now You appear to me.**

Pastor: Now I see, by Your wounded hands and side, that all those whom You hold in Your heart are lifted up with You, not only in Your cross, but also in Your resurrection, and so are given a place in Your Kingdom.

People: **Where Your heart is, there we are.**

Pastor: In your heart we are forever hidden and present to God. Your heart is our permanent home, our resting place, our refuge and our hope.

People: **Be to us this glorious morning our risen and victorious Lord!**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(An eternal banquet will celebrate victory over death.)

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

*Dan Forrest
The Cathedral Choir*

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(Jesus' resurrection is news of utmost importance.)

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL PROCESSION

tune: LSB 924

♪ **Rise, O Church, and lift your voices; Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; Resurrections anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the risen King!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

(The news of the resurrection is so unexpected that it produces fear at first.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

People:



¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL RECESSION

tune: LSB 924

♪ See the tomb where death had laid Him; Empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him, For the throne of life He shares."
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the risen King!

ANTHEM

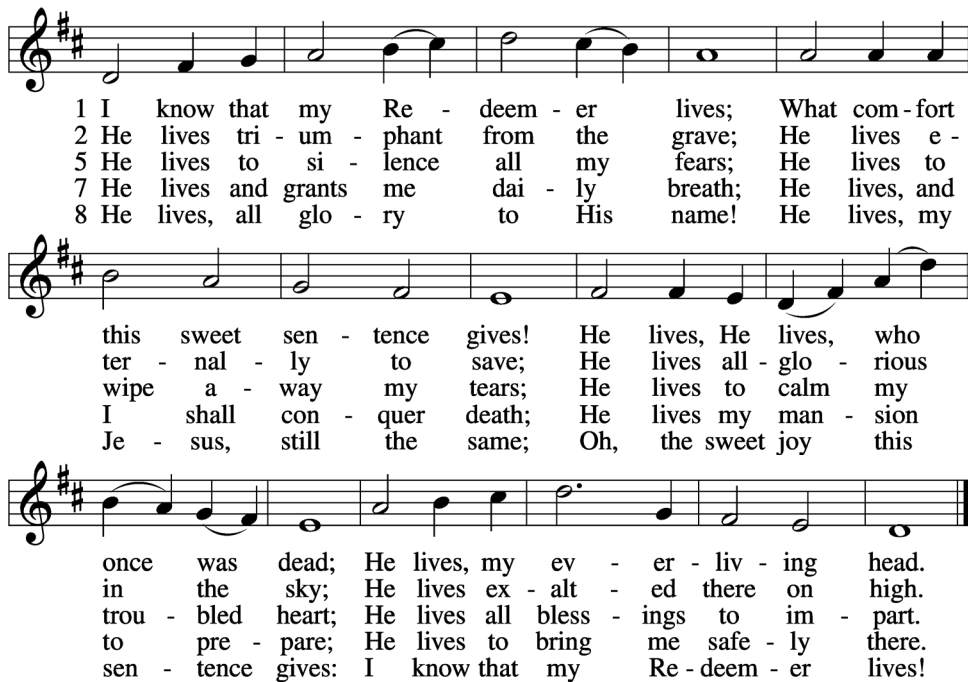
"Hallelujah Chorus"
(Messiah)

George Frederick Handel
The Cathedral Choir

HYMN

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 v. 1-2, 5, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

SERMON

"Where Imaginations Run Wild"

Mark 16:6

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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"Intrata Festiva"
(Brass and Organ)

Flor Peeters

EASTER PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*** The Order of Holy Communion ***

THE PREFACE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, for in Your grace and mercy You have created all things. Now in these last days You have sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus, who was faithful to death, even death on the cross, so that He might redeem us as a people holy to You. By His great resurrection He has opened the heavenly banquet to us, and in the gift of His body and blood in this sacred meal He has given us a foretaste of the feast to come. We give thanks for all this and for the faith Your Holy Spirit has so graciously bestowed on us so that we may join together in Your lavish love and grace. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

LSB p. 195

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People:  **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

LSB p. 198

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.
Communion will be served in a continuous line at the altar.*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△ Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

BLESSING

Pastor: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning. Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers:
May all these break into song as we sing to Father, ✱ Son, and Holy Spirit.
May all the angels in the heavens reply: Amen! Amen! Amen! Power,
praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only Giver of grace.

People: **Amen!** ~"An Egyptian Doxology" from the third century Church.

BENEDICTION Num. 6:24-26.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and
give you peace.

People:



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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POSTLUDE

"Toccata"
(Organ Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor
Organ and Brass