

The Festival of the
RESURRECTION

April 20, 2025



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PRELUDE

“Entrata Festiva”

Flor Peeters

EASTER 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 en - dured, 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!

EASTER GREETING AND INVOCATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!
People: The crucified is risen! Alleluia!
Pastor: Death, be not proud. Death, you shall die!
People: For Christ is risen!
Pastor: He has destroyed the shroud that enfolds all peoples!
People: He has swallowed up the sheet that covers all nations!
Pastor: He wipes away the tears from our faces.
People: He removes the disgrace of His people.
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
People: Heavenly Father, You have created each of us to live life with You and in Your image. Yet our sin destroys that life and brings death into our world. Forgive us, Father, for our sins against You in the things that we think, the words that we speak, and the ways that we act. Forgive us for failing to live our lives as You designed them and for failing to share Your life with others. Breathe into us Your life-giving Spirit so that we turn from our sin and receive the fresh start of a forgiven life. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose from the grave for us, call us back from the death of sin to live for Your glory all our days. Amen.
Pastor: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. As your pastor, it is my privilege to remind you of this forgiving grace of Jesus and, because He has granted His authority to do so, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ♪ Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

*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.*

HYMN OF PRAISE Rev 5:12

"This is the Feast"

p. 155

Refrain



C 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

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

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



C And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, by faith in Jesus alone, we boldly confess, sing, and shout, "Jesus is risen." You have overcome the powers of death and darkness. Divine grace, forgiveness, and eternal life for all are made certain in Your resurrection. Let our sin be drowned daily in genuine repentance. Grant that we in faith wait patiently for our own day of resurrection, when we will live with all the saints in Jesus' overwhelming light and unending feast. Jesus is our prayer; He is our praise!

People: ♪ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17-25

(The promise of the new heaven and earth)

¹⁷For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

ANTHEM

"Now, O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?"

*Russell Nagy
The Cathedral Choir*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(Christ is the guarantee of the full harvest of the resurrection of the dead.)

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Pastor: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

GOSPEL PROCESSION

LSB 477 v. 1

♪ Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

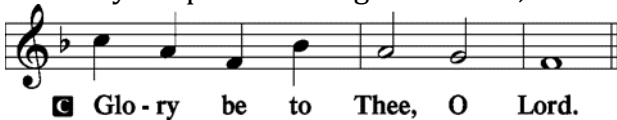
THE EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-6a

(The angel announces Christ's resurrection.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter:

People:



¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel's Messiah
The Cathedral Choir

THE EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:6b-12

(Remember His words)

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words.

⁹Returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GOSPEL RECESSION

LSB 477 v. 2

♪ Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"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
 Δ 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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SERMON

"Come Home Running"

Luke 24:11-12

Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

LSB p. 192

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“Celebration Fanfare”

Charles Callahan

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 2 Tim. 4:22; Lam 3:41; Ps 100:4



P The Lord be with you.



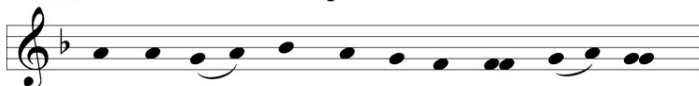
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 507 v. 4

♪ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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*

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

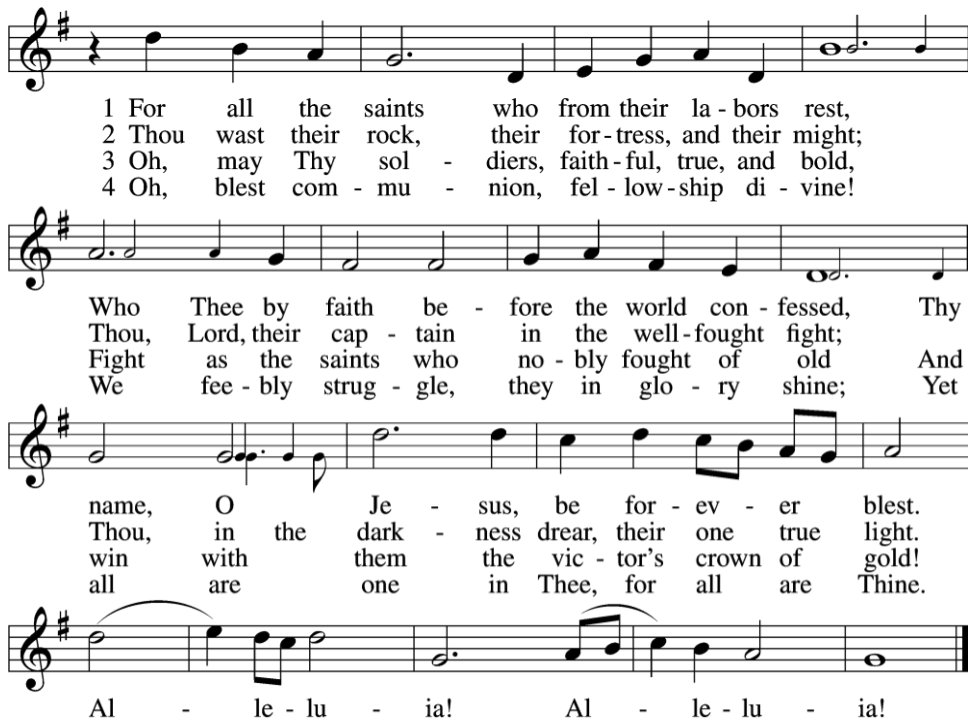
DISTRIBUTION

*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.*

"For All the Saints"

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As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, we praise the Lord for all His saints who in glory shine.



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!

Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
We fee-bly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet

name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

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: 
A - men, a - men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL 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!

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"
 (Organ Symphony V)

Charles-Marie Widor