



THREE WORDS...

# Praise Celebration Service for Easter

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - 10:30 am

*Easter Prelude / Easter Greeting*

*Invocation & Easter Proclamation* (please rise)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation  
breaks forth out of night.

C: **How holy is this day when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.**

P: How holy is this day when innocence is restored to the fallen  
and joy is given to those downcast.

C: **How blessed is this day when man is reconciled to God in Christ.**

P: Holy Father, accept now the morning sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise.  
Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all  
creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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## Opening Hymn of Easter

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

[LSB #457]

ALL: Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Women: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

ALL: **Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**  
**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

Men: But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

ALL: **Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!**  
**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

ALL: **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**  
**Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!**  
**Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!**  
**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9 [Cong. will join on selected verses]*

P: 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.

C: **And He will swallow up on this mountain**  
**the covering that is cast over all peoples,**  
**the veil that is spread over all nations.**

P: 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.

C: **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.”**

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

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

### Hymn Response

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

[LSB #477]

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.
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.  
  
- please rise -
3. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

### Gospel Reading

- Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw

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that the stone had been rolled back - it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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.

### *Apostles' Creed*

*(together we confess)*

**C: 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.**

**And 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.**

### *Praise for the Day*

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)"**

1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia;  
Saints on earth and angels say; Alleluia;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King! Alleluia;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia;  
Dying once our souls to save; Alleluia;  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

*Chorus (2x):* **He is not dead, He is alive**  
**We have this hope In Jesus Christ** *(Repeat)*

*(continues)*

3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia;  
Fought the fight, the battle won; Alleluia;  
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia;  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led; Alleluia;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!.

Chorus (2x): **He is not dead, He is alive**  
**We have this hope In Jesus Christ**

Sermon

**"Three Words...**

**That Changed / CHANGES EVERYTHING!!!"**



**THREE WORDS...**

Offering / Praise Response

"Hymn of Heaven" (Cong. joins on 2<sup>nd</sup> vs.)

1. How I long... to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon... the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus: **There will be a day... when all will bow before Him**  
**There will be a day... when death will be no more**  
**Standing face to face**  
**With He who died and rose again**  
**Holy, holy is the Lord**

- 2 (ALL) And ev'ry prayer... we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear  
In the end... we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears (to vs. 3 - next page)

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3. And on that day... we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice... a thousand generations  
Singing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
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*Forever... He shall reign (to Chorus + Ending)*

*Chorus: **There will be a day... when all will bow before Him**  
**There will be a day... when death will be no more**  
**Standing face to face**  
**With He who died and rose again**  
**Holy, holy is the Lord***

*Ending: So let it be today... We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints... We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God...  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord (Repeat)  
Holy, holy is the Lord  
Holy, holy is the Lord*

*Prayer for the Church & the Kingdom of Our Risen Lord*

*Confession & Absolution*

*(Pastor leads us in a time of confession...)*

P: God has forgiven you all your sins! Jesus Christ has taken our sin to the cross  
and shed His blood for our forgiveness. We have been buried with Him in Baptism  
and have risen with Him to new life...

C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*Confession & Absolution (pastor leads us in a time of confession)*

- Easter Video **[SALOME AT THE TOMB]**

## 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.**

## Words of Institution / Holy Communion

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C:** And also with you.

*(Please be seated: Communion will be served in continuous fashion...**balconies first**)*

### "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word,  
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."      *to v.2*
2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood,  
Just in simple faith to plunge me... 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

**Chorus:      *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! Proved He's faithful o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!***

### "Jesus"

1. There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is One born for our salvation... Jesus
2. There is a light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us Jesus, Jesus

*Who walks on the waters Who speaks to the sea  
Who stands in the fire beside me*

*He roars like a lion He bled as the Lamb  
He carries my healing in His hands... Jesus*

3. There is a name I call in times of trouble  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages  
He is Jesus, Jesus      *(to Chorus - next page)*

Chorus: **Who walks on the waters Who speaks to the sea**  
**Who stands in the fire beside me**  
**He roars like a lion He bled as the Lamb**  
**He carries my healing in His hands... Jesus**

Bridge (Leader): **Messiah My Savior**  
**There is power in Your name**

(ALL) **You're my rock, My Redeemer**  
**There is power in Your name** (1<sup>st</sup> x - Repeat Bridge - ALL)  
**In Your name...**

*You walk on the waters You speak to the sea*  
*You stand in the fire beside me*  
*You roar like a lion You bled as the Lamb*  
*You carry my healing in Your hands... (Repeat)*

*Jesus, There is no one like You...*

Ending: *Jesus, Jesus, how I trust You...*  
*proved You're faithful o'er and o'er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!*

*O for grace to trust You more...*

**"Me on Your Mind"** (Cong. joins on 3<sup>rd</sup> vs.)

Praise *I've read the words in red... How You leave the ninety-nine*  
Leaders *To find the one missing*  
*Feels like that was written... With me on Your mind*

2- *And the prodigal son who ran... Leaving his home behind*  
*The part where the father came running to meet him*  
*Did You say that with me on Your mind...*

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*Who am I that the king of the world...*  
*Would give one single thought about my broken heart*  
*Who am I that the God of all grace... Wipes the tears from my face*  
*And says "Come as you are"*

*You paid the price, You took the cross*  
*You gave Your life... And You did it all*  
*With me on Your mind [With me on Your mind]*

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3 (ALL) - Just knowing You're mindful of me  
Just knowing You call me Your child  
It's flooding my soul... With unspeakable hope  
Thank you Lord -- that it's me on Your mind  
*Thank you Lord -- that it's me on Your mind* (Chorus - ALL)

Chorus: **Who am I that the king of the world...**  
**Would give one single thought about my broken heart**  
**Who am I that the God of all grace... Wipes the tears from my face**  
**And says "Come as you are"**  
*You paid the price, You took the cross*  
*You gave Your life... And You did it all*  
*With me on Your mind [With me on Your mind]*

Leaders - *I've read the words in red... Of a heavenly home on high*  
*You're preparing a place... where the sorrow's erased*  
*And when I stand before You I'll find...*  
*All along... it was me on Your mind*  
*All along... it was me on Your mind*

Bridge (Leaders) *Who am I that the king of the world...*  
*Would give one single thought about my broken heart*  
*Who am I that the God of all grace... Wipes the tears from my face*  
*And says "Come as you are"*

Chorus (ALL): **Who am I that the king of the world...**  
**Would give one single thought about my broken heart**  
**Who am I that the God of all grace... Wipes the tears from my face**  
**And says "Come as you are"**  
*You paid the price, You took the cross*  
*You gave Your life... And You did it all* (Last x - to Ending)

Ending (Leaders): *With me on Your mind...*  
*It was me on Your mind*

*Easter Prayer and Benediction*

## Closing Easter Praise

*(please remain standing)*

### "This Is Our God"

1. Remember those walls that we called sin and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came and He died and He rose... Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came and He died and He rose... Those giants are dead now

*Chorus:   **This is our God... this is who He is**  
              **He loves us***

***This is our God... this is what He does**  
              **He saves us***

***He bore the cross, beat the grave**  
              **Let heaven and earth proclaim**  
              **This is our God... King Jesus***

2. Remember that fear that took our breath away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will *(to Chorus + Bridge)*

*Bridge*  
*(Leaders - 2x)   **Who pulled me out of that pit... He did He did**  
                      **Who paid for all of our sin... Nobody but Jesus***

*(ALL - 2x)   **Who rescued me from that grave**  
                  **Yahweh Yahweh**  
                  **Who gets the glory and praise**  
                  **Nobody but Jesus (Him)** *(Last x: to Chorus + Ending)**

*Ending           He bore the cross beat the grave*  
*Let heaven and earth proclaim*  
*This is our God... King Jesus*

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