



Praise Celebration Service for Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026 - 10:30 am

TA - DAH-H-H-H!

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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Processional Hymn for Easter

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” [LSB #457]

1. 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!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. 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!

1st Reading - *Psalm 118:14-24* [Cong. will join on selected verses]

P: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

C: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but He has not given me over to death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

P: This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

(continues)

**C: I thank You that You have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

**P: This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

...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.

Hymn Response

♪ "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" [LSB #461...vs. 1-3, 5 and 8]

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living Head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.
5. He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.
8. He lives all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" -- and that He had said these things to her.

Confession of Faith

P: This is the Faith on which we stand. This is the Truth by which we are saved. Together we now confess the Light of Christ...

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

Not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Praise for the Day

“Washed” (Cong. joins on 2nd vs)

1. I'm clean, Sin was stained on me
Shame was running deep
But love was spilled on Calvary... Oh, hallelujah

I'm clean, God how can it be
I'm ransomed and redeemed
Standing in Your victory... Oh, hallelujah

***I've been washed in the water... Washed in the blood
I'm as good as new... Oh hallelujah***

***I've been washed in the water... Washed in the blood
All because of You... Oh hallelujah***

2. I'm clean, It's not what I have done
But what You've done for me
You paid it all upon that tree... Oh hallelujah

I'm clean, Your love has overcome
Your mercy is supreme
I'm dancing in Your victory... Oh hallelujah (to Chorus + Bridge)

Bridge: 'Cause You took away my shame
And You nailed it to the cross

*You got me running out the grave
Hallelujah here I come (last x - to Chorus)*

Tag: *Hallelujah here I come, Hallelujah here I come
Hallelujah here I come, Hallelujah here I come*

- Easter Video [“HE’S STILL RISEN!”]

Sermon

“TA DAH-H-H-H-H !!!”



Offering / Praise Response

"It Really Is Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

Chorus: **Singing... Halle -- lujah... There's no chains on me**
 Thank You, Jesus... You have set me free
 You welcomed me in, Called me by name
 Was dead in my sin... Now I'm dancing on that grave
 Halle -- lujah... it really is amazing grace

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed *to Chorus + Bridge*

Bridge: *I'll testify... Of what He did*
 He gave me life... I'm born again
 My heart is free, My soul is saved
 It really is amazing grace

Tag: *It really is, It really is*
 It really is amazing grace

Last x: *It really is... it really is... to Chorus + Ending*

Ending: *It really is, It really is*
 It really is amazing grace
 It really is... it really is
 It really is amazing grace

Prayer for the Church & the Kingdom of Our Risen King

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!**

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**)*

"Holy Forever"

1. A thousand generations... falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
*Your name is the highest... Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions... All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry - Holy... All creation cries - Holy
You are lifted high - Holy... Holy forever*
2. If you have been forgiven... and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
And if you walk in freedom... and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song... Forever and Amen!

Chorus: ***And the angels cry - Holy... All creation cries - Holy
You are lifted high - Holy... Holy forever
Hear Your people sing - Holy
To the King of Kings - Holy
You will always be - Holy... Holy forever***

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Bridge: (Jesus) *Your name is the highest... Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions... All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all* (Last x - to Chorus + Ending):

Ending: *You will always be... Holy
Holy forever*

"Jesus Paid it All"

1. I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

2. Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. to Chorus

Chorus: ***Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.***

Solo (2x): *It's white as snow, white as snow
It's washed away...*

3. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save",
My lips shall still repeat Chorus + Bridge

Bridge: *Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead...* (last x - to Chorus)

"Trust In God"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire... Time after time
Born of His Spirit, Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary... Is more than enough

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*So, I trust in God, My Savior
The One... who will never fail
He will never fail*

2. Perfect submission, All is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow... Has ordered my steps
*So this is my story, And this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior... All the day long*

Chorus (2x): *[So], **I trust in God, My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail***

Bridge (2x): *I sought the Lord... and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord... and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord... and He heard and He answered*

*That's why I trust Him
That's why... (I trust Him) (Last x - to Chorus)*

Ending: *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

“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)

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!

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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

Easter Prayer and Benediction

Closing Easter Praise (please remain standing)

"King of Kings"

1. In the darkness we were waiting... Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running... There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets... to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory... to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: **Praise the Father, Praise the Son**
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming... and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation... You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering... You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation... Jesus for our sake You died (to Chorus)

3. (Leaders) And the morning that You rose...
all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good...
for the Lamb had conquered death

(ALL) **And the dead rose from their tombs...**
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come...
to the Father are restored

Bridge (ALL): *And the Church of Christ was born... then the Spirit lit the flame*
Now this Gospel truth of old... shall not kneel and shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name... in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ... Who has resurrected me to Chorus