

Noli me Tangere Antonio da Correggio, c. 1525

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Three

PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness), BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Schmücke dich is a German communion hymn, with a text by Johann Franck and a melody by Johann Crüger. It appears in our hymnal as #488, "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness". The melody is joyful and dancelike, celebrating the communal feast of the Lord's Supper. Bach's setting from his "Great Eighteen" chorale preludes is among his most beautiful and contemplative organ works, featuring the melody, adorned with ornamentation, above a gentle duet in the accompaniment parts.

SUNRISE GOSPEL: THE EMPTY TOMB

Matthew 28:1-8

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

THE FIRST ALLELUIA OF EASTER

The cantor sings the Alleluia refrain the first time.

The assembly repeats the refrain three times, growing louder each time.

Forte! Fortissimo! Fortississimo!

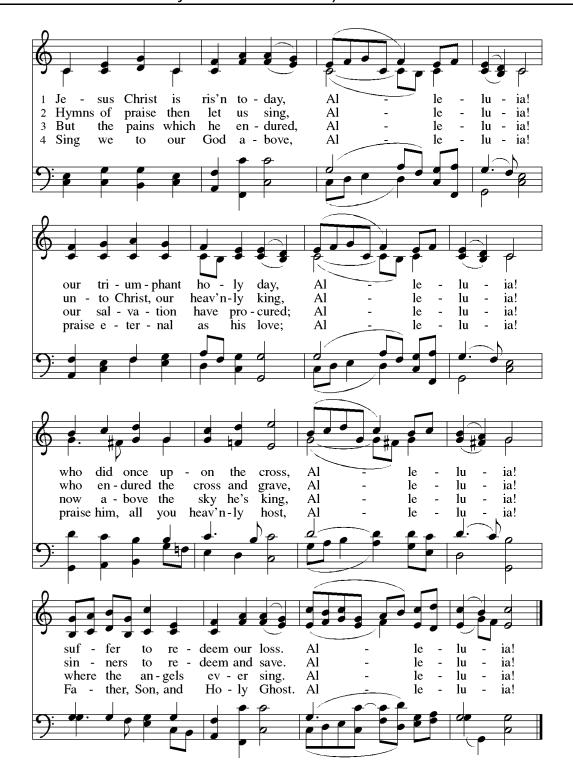


SUNRISE GOSPEL: SENT WITH GOOD NEWS

Matthew 28:1-8

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



GREETING AND **P**RAYER OF THE **D**AY

Christ is risen. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

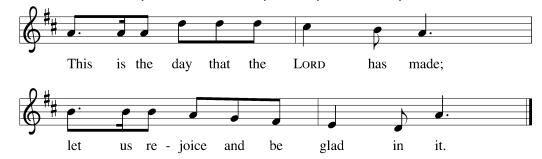
³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



'Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel ¹ now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song,

and has become I my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

"The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

''I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD. [REFRAIN]

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun-¹ ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- ¹ ver to death.

"Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;

here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me

and you have become 'my salvation. [REFRAIN]

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has I this been done;

it is marvelous [|] in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. **[REFRAIN]**

FIRST READING: Colossians 3:1-4

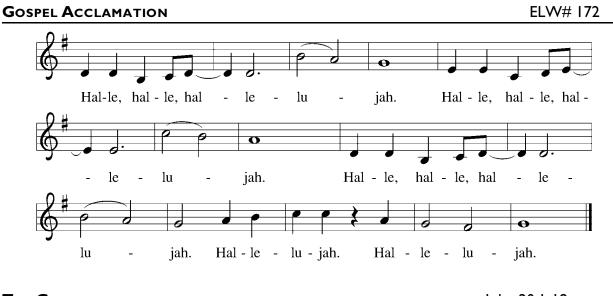
Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

A reading from Colossians.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL:

John 20:1-18

John's gospel describes the confusion and excitement of the first Easter: the stone is moved, disciples race back and forth, and angels speak to a weeping woman. Then, Jesus himself appears.

The Holy Gospel According to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the

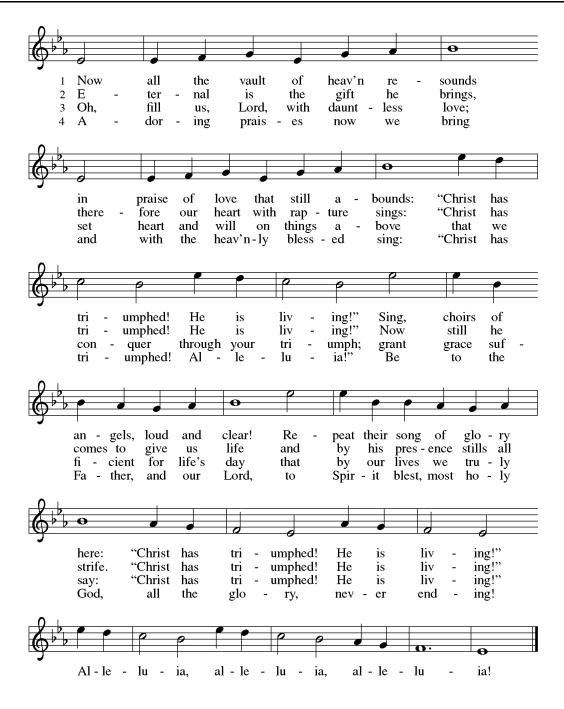
other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.' " ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: "Lord in your mercy," the assembly responds "Hear our prayer."

The presiding minister concludes the prayers: ...trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

Salaam. Shalom. La paz de Cristo. Namaste. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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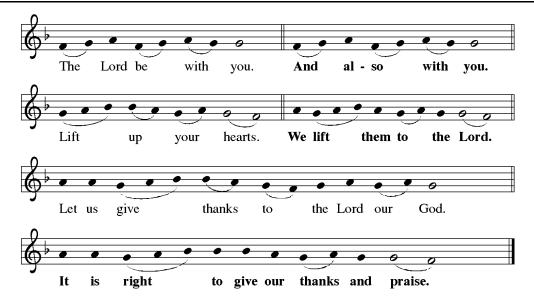
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OFFERING

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds), P. 58 Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Christ lag is a Lutheran Easter chorale, written by Martin Luther. The melody is Luther's adaptation of the Gregorian Chant Easter Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes, and Luther's text focuses on the triumph of Christ over death. Pachelbel's setting is typical of the composer, with a 4-part fughetta followed by the chorale melody in the pedal, with florid counterpoint in the manuals.



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

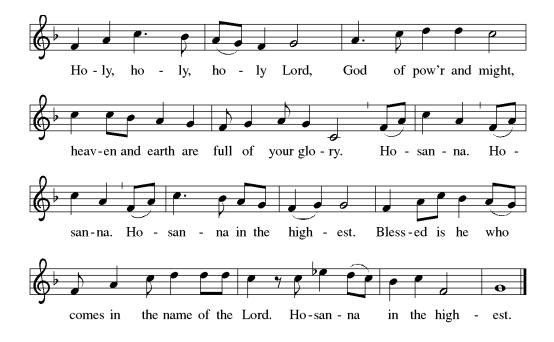
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Prayer #6, pew edition p. 66

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The minister invites the assembly to join hands.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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;

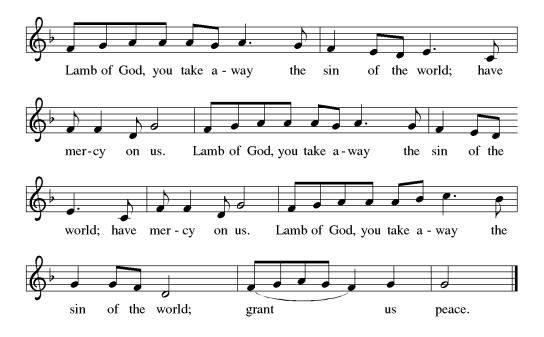
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE MEAL

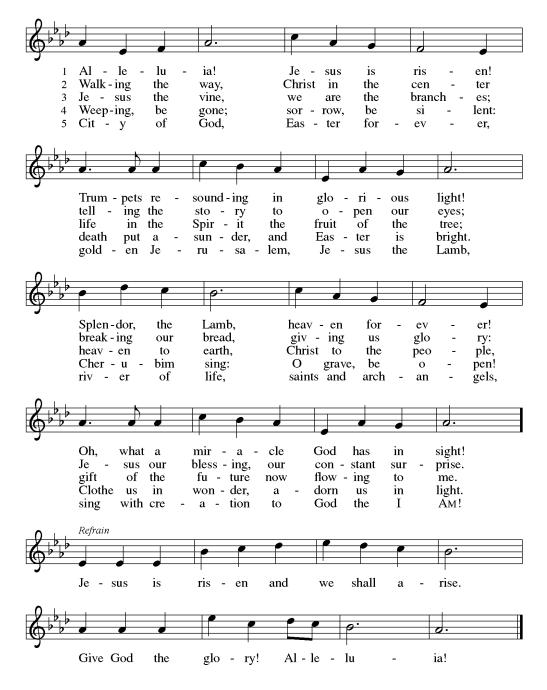
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Holy things for holy people.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



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Les Cloches de Hinckley (The Bells of Hinckley), Op. 54 no. 6 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Louis Vierne was a French composer and organist, best known for his 37 year tenure as organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. His pièces de fantaisie were written primarily for American tours that helped to generate income for the restoration of the organ at Notre Dame. During a concert tour, Vierne played a concert in the English town of Hinckley. He was inspired by the carillon tune that played at the local parish church, and that tune forms the basis for this composition. The piece begins slowly, with the tune in the pedals, accompanied by an ostinato (repeated pattern), and builds to a brilliant full organ ending, featuring rapid descending scales that call to mind the peel of a set of church bells.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

with appreciation:

Ben Tucker, trumpet Paul Gibson, drums Gail Eifrig, prayers of intercession Dianne Huston, lector