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# Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

9:30am Festival Service
April 4, 2021

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Sunday, April 4, 202 I

<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u>: Holy Communion Setting Three

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

### **PROLOGUE**

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Adorn thyself, dear soul), 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.



## **GREETING**

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.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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: Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

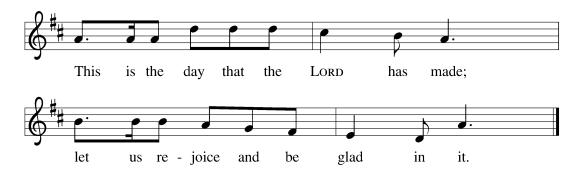
This is the Lord for whom we have waited:

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



Psalm 118:24

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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare,

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

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the Lord. REFRAIN

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the Lord; here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation. REFRAIN

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the Lord has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. REFRAIN

## **SECOND 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 all people.

## A reading from Acts.

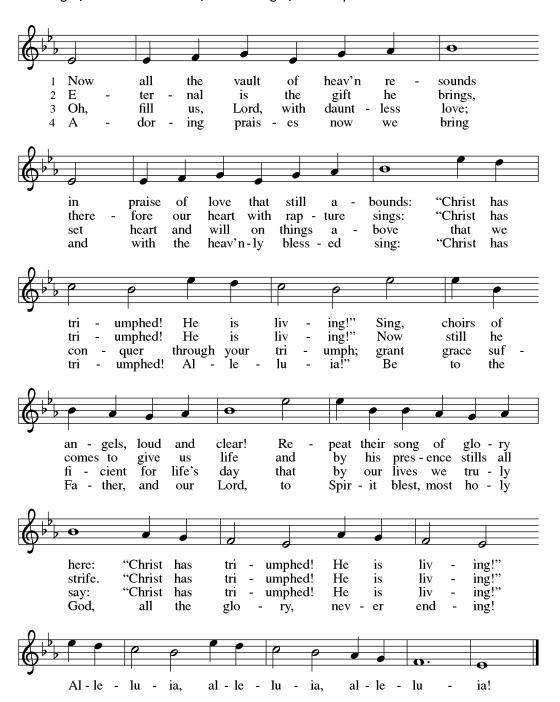
<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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.

Stanza 1 is sung before the reading of the Gospel.

Stanza 4 is sung after the conclusion of the reading of the Gospel.



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623
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## **GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

The Holy Gospel According to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Early 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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus 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.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary 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.

The assembly sings Stanza 4 of "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds.".

#### **SERMON**

Pastor Steve Springer

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

**ELW #366** 





- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat tle done; now is the vic tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je sus their le gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick ly sped, Christ ris es glo rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al-le - lu - ia! has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al-le - lu - ia! from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al-le - lu - ia! por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al-le - lu - ia!



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

#### **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**

Let us pray.

## O Gd.

within the church, the glad words, *Christ is Risen*, may greet us each day, indeed they especially greet us on this day. Grant that, hearing and repeating the telling of *Christ is Risen*, we too rise to approach with boldness, deep joy and grateful excitement the fullness of life that has been opened for us. Lord in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

#### O Gd.

sustain us through the continuing seasons of our lives with the restoring and forgiving gifts of beauty, wisdom and love. And stir us to draw from your grace and offer these same gifts to others as signs of your abiding presence.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## O Gd,

since ancient days, the prophet tells of your lifting the shroud that is cast over all people and swallowing up death forever. But our vision of that bright clearing is clouded. Persons with ears stopped and eyes closed fail to take in your salvation, turning rather to their own assertions of power with hurtful acts of aggression and suppression. We pray, come to help those harmed by such domination. Come with your own valiant hand to right the wrong so that all may see and rejoice in the new day that you have made.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### O Gd.

abide as living, comforting spirit with those who are disturbed by loneliness and illness. Abide as living, strengthening spirit with those who are weighted with regrets and anxieties. Abide as living, guiding spirit with those who are searching a way through grief. Abide as living, sure light with those of any nation who reverence the holy and seek to do good. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

#### Finally O Gd,

in this time of worship, on this Easter Day, we do remember those who have died. Inspire us to see them risen and transformed by your triumphant victory. And in that spirit, let us find the fullness of your presence in all corners life and raise the glad song of praise, the alleluia, for your steadfast love that endures forever. Lord in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### Amen.

## THE PEACE

During the pandemic, the peace is exchanged verbally between the pastor and the assembly only.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## **OFFERING**

Members of the Dove of Peace Chancel Choir

Antiphon Gerald Near (b.1942)

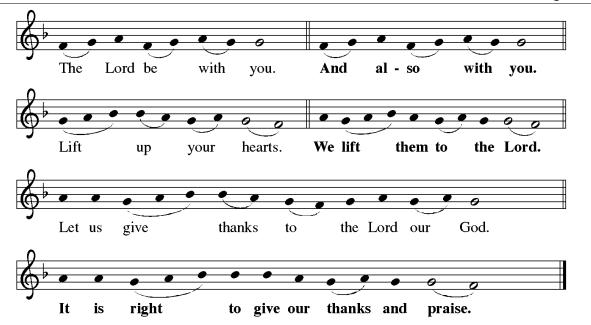
Friend of Dove of Peace Gerald Near was commissioned to set this famous 17th century text of Herbert by a church in Oklahoma. The church has not been able to premiere the piece due to the pandemic, and Near has given Dove permission to do so, fittingly for Easter.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

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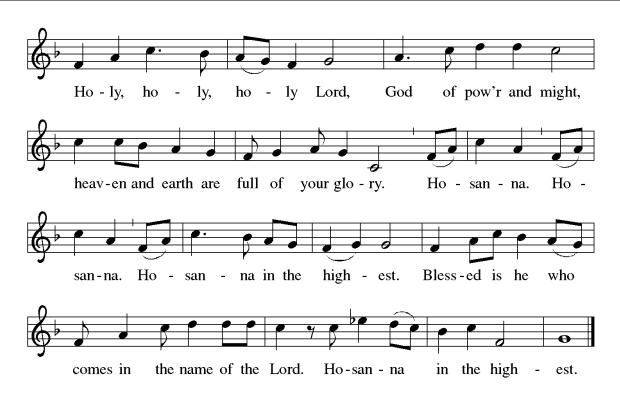


## **GREAT THANKSGIVING: PREFACE**

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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## **GREAT THANKSGIVING: PRAYER AT THE TABLE**

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.

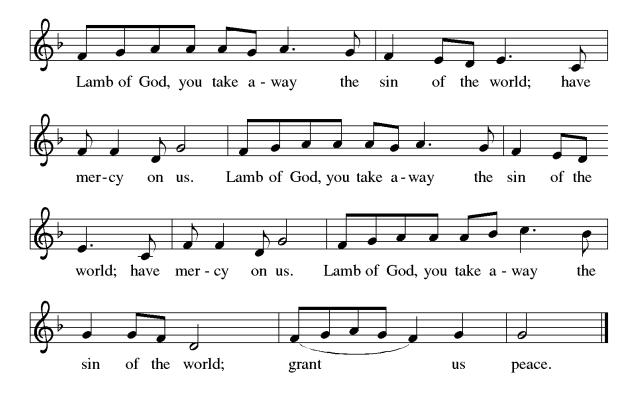


#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

## LAMB OF GOD



## SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

The elements of Holy Communion will be set aside for those who wish to visit the church between 10:45am and 12:15pm.

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Alleluia Bell Choir

Lift High the Cross Arr. Kevin McChesney (b.1963)

The setting of this rousing hymn calls to mind the victory for all Christians in our crucified and risen Lord.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## **COMMISSION**

Concluding announcements and ministry opportunities.

## **BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father,  $\pm$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



- 1 Thine is the glo ry, ris en, con-qu'ring Son; end less is the
- 2 Lo, Je sus meets thee, ris en from the tomb! Lov ing ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, hymns of tri - umph sing, through thy death - less love; kept the fold - ed grave - clothes for the Lord now liv - eth; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay. death hath lost its sting! to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

# Final from Organ Symphony No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 11 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Louis Vierne was a French organist and composer. Vierne was most famously associated with the organ at the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris, where he was organist from 1900 until his death at the console in 1937, during a performance, no less! The Final from his first Organ Symphony is among his most popular organ works, featuring a boisterous tune in the pedal and a French toccata texture in the manuals.

## DISMISSAL

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

John Hoelter, Assisting Minister
Dianne Huston, Lector
Eric Holtan, Cantor and Director of Choirs
Kevin Seal, Organist
Ben Tucker, trumpet
Paul Gibson, timpani