



March 31, 2024
Easter/The Resurrection of the Lord

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Christ is Alive
Lead On, O King Eternal
The Day of Resurrection

Scott M. Hyslop
Donovan D. Klotzbeacher
Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship

One: Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost. Yesterday we thought Christ was gone;

All: but not today. Today we know that love has won. Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

One: We have a reason to hope.

All: We have a reason to sing!

One: Alleluia!

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen today.

*Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

No. 232

(Stand immediately for the introduction is short; interludes between stanzas 1-2 and 3-4)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

One: The stone is rolled away!

All: We assume it is a mistake.

One: The angels say, "He is not here!"

All: We assume their news is fake.

One: The women tell the story,

All: but we do not want to hear it.

One: Peter runs to the tomb,

All: but we do not understand.

One: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

All: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding tight to death.

One: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive and well in the world.

All: Teach us to see what you see.

One: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured."

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.

After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Hoge

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9 (pg. 568)

Anthem

On the Third Day

Allen Pote

Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried. Jesus was crucified. On the third day Christ arose. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead, his kingdom will have no end. Christ is risen from the dead, he is risen as he said, he is alive, Alleluia! Christ has conquered death and sin, died for us our souls to win, he is alive, alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1–12 (pg. 895)

Sermon

And I Hope

Rev. Amy Lincoln

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

We may weep through the longest nights. We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers. We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more; but today, we are a people of hope. We believe in new beginnings. We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death. We believe that Jesus abides among us, healing, teaching and leaving fingerprints throughout this world. We believe that a tomb could not hold him. We believe that the sun does rise. We believe that Peter was there with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed. We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us. Today we are a people of hope.

Offering

Celebrate the Resurrection Story

Patrick M. Liebergen

Celebrate the resurrection story, come before the Lord who reigns in glory; the stone is rolled away, the Savior lives today, the Son of God is risen, alleluia! Crucified for us, he brought salvation, join the song of praise in jubilation, the blood of Christ was poured, now hail the King adored, the Son of God is risen, alleluia! Unto us a child was born to free us from our sin, he came to die upon the cross for us a victory win. Praise the Lord who lives again to free us from our strife, the Son of God is risen, praise the Lord of life. Glory be to God who reigns forever, praise the risen Lord and sing together, with joy in great acclaim, the risen Lord proclaim; come celebrate, alleluia!

*Doxology No. 607
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn No. 238
Thine Is the Glory
(If you know and would like to sing "The Hallelujah Chorus,"
proceed to the choir loft during the singing of this hymn and pick up the music.)

*Charge and Benediction

*Response G.F. Handel
Hallelujah (Messiah)
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the
kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings and Lord
of Lords and He shall reign for ever and ever.

Postlude Charles-Marie Widor
Toccata (Fifth Symphony)

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