



Welcome to Worship

Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God ... **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Now All the Vault of Heaven" ELW 367 (Vs 1-3)

GREETING:

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Moe Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the ¹ Lord is good;
God’s mercy en- ¹ dures forever.

² **Let Israel ¹ now declare,**
“God’s mercy en- ¹ dures forever.”

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength ¹ and my song,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

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

“The right hand of the ¹ Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord ¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the ¹ Lord acts valiantly!”

- 17 **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 **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 righteous may enter."
- 21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 **By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Setting 10, page 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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, for 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. 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 and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

SERMON SONG: "Thine is the Glory"

ELW 376

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.
A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain (*especially*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

OFFERING with special music:

Moe Choir

OFFERTORY: *We give thee but thine own, Whatev'r that gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, A trust O Lord from thee.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks & praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

INVITATION to COMMUNION:

All who are baptized and believe Christ to be present in this meal
are welcome at the table of the Lord!

- ❖ *If you wish to receive bread and wine, hold your hands open.*
- ❖ *If you wish to receive a blessing, come forward with hands folded.*
- ❖ *For those with dietary restrictions, the bread is gluten free.*
- ❖ *For those desiring it, juice is available in the center of each tray.*

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

SENDING SONG: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365 (Vs 1-3)

DISMISSAL: Go in peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God

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