



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
Resurrection Day
March 31, 2024 8am & 10:45am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER,
PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ THROUGH YOUR
WORSHIP FOLDER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP.**



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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Non-Alcoholic Wine is in the center of the tray.)

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

For Children – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

Pre-service and Postlude Music *by Jennifer Kirk*

Call to Worship – *“This is the Moment” sung by Miss Esther Kaufmann*

*Congregation **please stand** and face the processional cross at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Easter Proclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Isaiah 25:8

P In the name of the Father, who created our bodies;
in the name of the ✠ Son, who by His blood redeemed our bodies;
in the name of the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified our bodies to be His temple;
keep us to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

C **Amen.**

P He will swallow up death forever;

C **and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,**

P and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,

C **for the Lord has spoken.**

Salutation and Opening Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, we rejoice today that the grave could not hold Your Son. Grant us forgiveness and life through Your Son's death and resurrection, so that we have joy not only on Easter, but every day; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Processional – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

**the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.**

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

L For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

I *Men: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.*

II *Women: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."*

I *Men: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

II *Women: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.*

C **For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.**

I *Men: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.*

II *Women: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.*

I *Men: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.*

II *Women: I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

C **For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.**

I *Men: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

II *Women: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Verse/Gradual

2 Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia!

C **Alleluia!**

P Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C **Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another,

A *“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”*

P And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them,


L *“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”*

P And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.


P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Praise to You, O Christ.


I Know That My Redeemer Lives



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Easter Sermon – “A Resurrection Re-Focus” Outline

1. The trip to and focus on the tomb.
2. Believers forget Christ’s Word and Promises.
3. We tragically choose to have situational unbelief and/or situational amnesia. This gives us wrong focus and we end up relying on our own brains, skills, and strength.
4. BUT – then what if God is going to call me out of this world tonight? What has been my focus? Where have I placed my efforts and my hope? Have I forgotten His promises? Have I forgotten to go where He said He’d be? Have I forgotten to point others to Him?
5. We forget where the Lord said He is. He is with us and for us in His Word and Sacraments.
6. The Lord does not condone worry and fear. He wants to calm worry and fears by refocusing us!
7. Like the women and disciples, we still forget and get focused on the wrong things.
8. Our focus should not stop with an empty tomb! We don’t stop and look where He isn’t, be where He is!

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at www.RisenChrist.info – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Having been sent through our Baptism by the risen Christ to proclaim good news to the world, let us pray for the whole Church and for all people.

Almighty God, we give You the highest praise and thanksgiving for breaking into our world in the incarnation of Christ, His atoning death, and His most glorious resurrection from the dead. We worship You and we give You thanks for Your great glory. By Your power and defeat of death grant us faith, forgiveness, and new life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – Give to Your whole Church on earth both the fear and the joy of bearing witness to Christ's resurrection each in their own community, family, and vocation. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Bless the preaching of Your Word with resurrection power that many may come to a constantly renewed repentance and faith and that the bright light of Your truth may shine through our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

WOMEN – May the witness of Your Church cause an increase of justice, peace, and defense against all evil by those in position of authority in government and of all who serve to preserve and protect our citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

MEN – Of Your great love, grant healing, peace and comfort to all who are ill, to the injured, and to the dying by Your great promise of forgiveness and eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P May we recognize and know our Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread of the Holy Sacrament, and be filled with heartfelt thanksgiving for the forgiveness of our sins purchased and declared through His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P We lift in prayer those who grieve the loss of loved ones, yet in the midst of their grief rejoice in and cling to the promises of our Risen Christ, who has promised resurrection and eternal life to all who believe in Him. Receive these our prayers and praises for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

- C** **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

- C** **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

Lift Up Your Hearts

- P** The Lord be with you **C** And also with you
P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you
P Lift up your hearts

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All Sing
 We lift them to the Lord
 Let us give thanks
 To the Lord our God
 It is right to give Him
 Thanks and praise

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have revealed to us the all-important message of the Gospel centered on the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. On this day we praise You for displaying Your power over the grave in Jesus' rising to life, and we eagerly anticipate the rising of all Your saints from the grave at our Savior's return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your Son into our flesh not only to suffer and die, but also to rise. We praise You that Your Son is stronger than death and the grave. With joy we receive the body and blood of our resurrected and living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

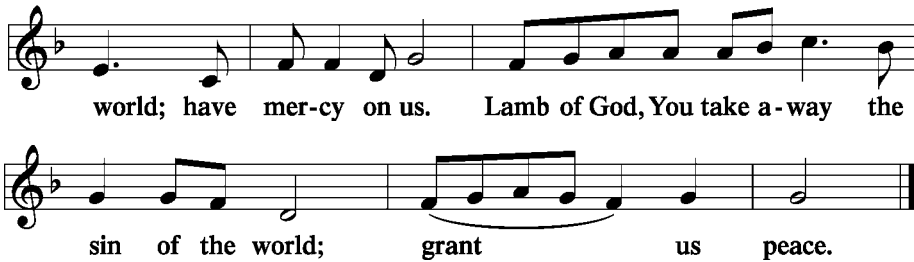
Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



Communion

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
 Jesus, God's own Son,
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Holy One.

***CHORUS: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
 And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

Jesus, my Redeemer,
 Name above all names,
 Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Hope for sinners slain. ***CHORUS***

When I stand in glory
 I will see His face,
 And there I'll serve my King forever,
 In that holy place. ***CHORUS***

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Lamb of God

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
 But You have sent Him from Your side
 To walk upon this guilty sod,
 And to become the Lamb of God. ***CHORUS***

2. Your Gift of love they crucified,
 They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
 The humble King they named a fraud,
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God. ***CHORUS***

***CHORUS: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the holy Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

3. I was so lost, I should have died,
 But You have brought me to Your side
 To be led by Your staff and rod,
 And to be called a lamb of God. ***CHORUS***

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Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that on this day of resurrection You give us the true body and blood of our living Savior, who is no longer in the tomb. Having been forgiven, strengthen us to share our living Savior with our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

***CHORUS: Hallelujah
praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope***

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope ***CHORUS***

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa ***CHORUS***

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Benediction

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.
C Amen.
P The Lord bless you and keep you...
C Amen.

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