



Risen Christ Lutheran Church Resurrection Day

April 20, 2025 8am & 10:45am

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



**Christus ist auferstanden!
Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!**

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord's Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted 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 and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the "individual" and "common" cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice 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 through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and 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.

As We Gather – Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. That event is a fact of history, but it means, as we sing to our Savior in "Hail Thee, Festival Day," new life given to us all. Through Isaiah, God had promised a new heaven and a new earth. For us that means a new life in which our sins have been forgiven as we trust that Jesus paid for them all with His death and resurrection. The report of the women on Easter was met with skepticism by the disciples. But Christ did rise, and, Paul points out in the Epistle, He's the firstfruits of those who sleep. Today's celebrating isn't for a day—it lasts forever!

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

SERVICE OF LIGHT *(with adapted ancient readings)*

Lighting of Paschal Candle and Lighting of Candles

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession and Easter Proclamation

P The light of Christ. Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

G **Thanks be to God.**

P The light of Christ. Rejoice and sing now, all the earth, bright with a glorious splendor,
for the ancient darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

C Thanks be to God.

P The light of Christ! Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of God's people.

C Thanks be to God!

P All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God Almighty
for the grace to sing His worthy praise.

Greeting and Prayer

P The grace of our Lord +I+ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have
overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us.

**C Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from
the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit;**

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C Amen.

Hymn – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is risen to day. Alleluia
Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia
Who did once upon the cross. Alleluia
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing. Alleluia
Unto Christ our heavenly king. Alleluia
Who endured the cross and grave. Alleluia
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia

3. But the pains which He endured. Alleluia
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia
Now above the sky He's king. Alleluia
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia

4. Sing we to our God above. Alleluia
Praise eternal as His love. Alleluia
Praise Him all he heavenly host. Alleluia
Father Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia

Verses

Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the
dead by the glory of the Father,

C we too might walk in newness of life.

P If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the
right hand of God.

C For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 51:17

- P** On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P** Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.**

- P** Lord Jesus,

C **we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.**

- P** O Holy Spirit,

C **we have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus' name.**

- P** Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy.

C **Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever;**

- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25; antiphon, v. 17

- L** Isaiah wrote in poetic form. Let us therefore speak the reading responsively, as we would a psalm.

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;

C **for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.**

- L** I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;
C **no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.**
- L** No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,
C **for the young man shall die a hundred years old,**
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- L** They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
C **They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;**
- L** for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be,
C **and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.**
Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- L** They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
C **for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.**
- L** Before they call I will answer;
C **while they are yet speaking I will hear.**
- L** The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.
C **"They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the Lord.**
Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:14–26

¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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***

3. 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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Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

- P** Alleluia! Christ Jesus has abolished death! Alleluia!
C Alleluia! He has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12, adapted for dialogue

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**
- P** On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them,
- I** Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
- II** Remember how He told you,
- I** remember while He was still in Galilee,
- II** remember that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.
- P** And they remembered, they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words

seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Resurrection Day Message “God’s Great Reversals for You!”

Nicene Creed

C 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 Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions.

We remember before You, heavenly Father, all in whom Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in Your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the grave. Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no end.

C **Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

MEN – We remember before You, Lord over all, those who are unjustly accused, imprisoned, or exiled from their homes. Raise up compassionate rulers to seek out all who languish in jails, prisons, and refugee camps, and grant them speedy justice, freedom, and return to their homes.

C **Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!**

WOMEN – We remember before You, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth’s bounty, and all who care for this good earth. Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

MEN – We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul. In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

WOMEN – We remember before You, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

ALL – We remember especially this day, risen Lord, Your glorious resurrection from the grave and Your presence with us now. Remind us each day of the new life You have given us so that we live in constant, joyful faith until we see You face-to-face.

C Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!

Lift Up Your Hearts

P The Lord be with you **C** And also with you

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P Lift up your hearts

All Sing

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks

To the Lord our God

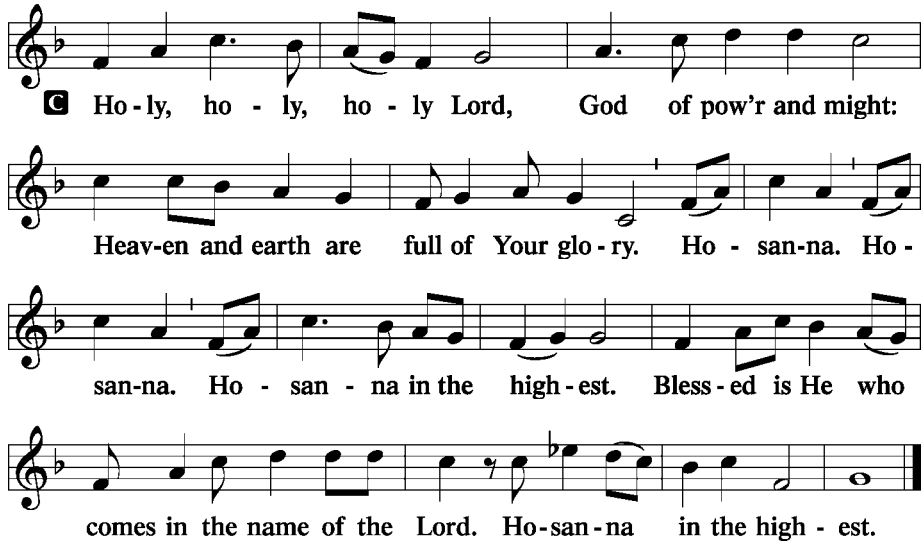
It is right to give Him

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

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.

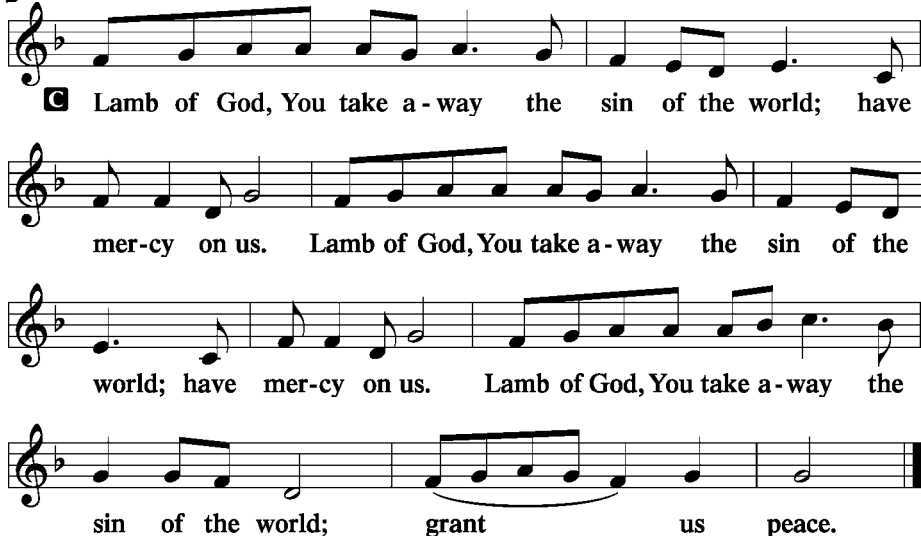
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus
 He came to love, heal and forgive
 He lived and died to buy my pardon
 An empty grave is there to prove
 My Savior lives

***CHORUS: Because He lives I can face tomorrow
 Because He lives, all fear is gone
 Because I know He holds the future
 And life is worth the living
 Just because He lives***

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives
 But greater still the calm assurance
 This child can face uncertain days
 Because He lives ***CHORUS***

3. And then one day we'll cross that river
 We'll fight life's final war with pain
 And then as death gives way to vict'ry
 We'll see the lights of glory
 And we'll know He reigns ***CHORUS***

My Redeemer Lives *sung by Esther Kaufmann*

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us this gracious gift of life. Grant that, remembering our Savior's death and resurrection, we be strengthened to live each day, trusting You joyfully and loving one another fervently; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who called you to life, the Son who rose to lead you to eternity with Him, and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the faith to trust all the promises of God—be upon you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
3. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Dismissal

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed!**
- P** Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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