

Easter—the Resurrection of our Lord!—March 31, 2024 (Mark)

Easter Shout of Joy: (repeat 3 times)

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

*Gathering Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (public domain) LBW 151, ELW 365, HP 1495

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Al—leluia! Our triumphant holy day, Al—leluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al—leluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Al—leluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al—leluia! Unto Christ our heavenly king, Al—leluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al—leluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Al—leluia!*

*Sing we to our God above, Al—leluia! Praise eternal as his love; Al—leluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Al—leluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al—leluia!*

Children’s Time—“Resurrecting Alleluia!”

Thanksgiving for Baptism (used instead of Confession during the season of Easter)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of the water of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. -- Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

All: To you, God of love, be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Hymn of Praise** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (public domain) LBW 128, HP 2027

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Al—leluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Al—leluia!
Offer now abounding praise; Al—leluia! As your voices high you raise. Al—leluia!*

*For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al—leluia! Sinless in the sinner's stead. Al—leluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al—leluia! Now he lives, no more to die. Al—leluia!*

***Prayer of the Day:** 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.

A reading from Isaiah, the 25th chapter (25:6-9) pew Bible, p. 1095

After the reading: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Praise *Come, You Faithful* (public domain) LBW 132, HP 1476

*'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise undying.*

A reading from Psalm 118 (118:1-2, 14-24) pew Bible, p. 956

After the reading: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter (1 Cor 15:51-57) pew Bible, p. 1791

After the reading: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***Alleluia!** *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

***Gospel** Mark 16:1-8

Before the gospel: *Glory to you, O Lord!*

After the gospel: *Praise to you, O Christ!*

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *The Strife Is O'er* (public domain) LBW 135, HP 1479

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia! (before verse 1, after verse 3)

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!*

*The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!*

*The three sad days have quickly sped. He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!*

***The Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN!

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

***The Prayers of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2023, p. 142 Augsburg Fortress)

Each petition ends: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome to Communion: *Everyone* is welcome to join us in celebrating this greatest gift!

The 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 him thanks and praise.**

Preface for the Season (pastor)

The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution (pastor)

***The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven. . . .**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus

Given and shed for YOU and for ALL PEOPLE

Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion** (from *Sundays Seasons*, 2020, Augsburg Fortress)

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.**

***Benediction**: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope +bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** *The Day of Resurrection* (public domain)
St. John, sing to *Lead On, O King Eternal*, LBW 495 (HP 621)

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.*

*Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!*

*Then praise we God the Father, and praise we Christ his Son,
With them the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One;
Till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
And honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!*

***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!