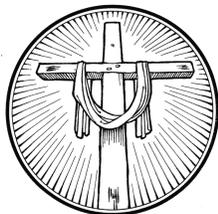


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

God our Father, may we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. It's as though they became his driver's license or official I.D.: the risen Lord Jesus frequently had to show His hands and feet to prove who He was to the disciples. There, in His flesh, He still carried the wounds of the crucifixion, the proof of His true identity. The fact that those wounds remained in His risen body teach us what the resurrection does: it exalts and empowers the One who would rather die than condemn you. It makes His mercy for you eternal, and everything He gives you is the start of the future.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

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What Does It Matter? The Risen Lord in the Gospel of Luke

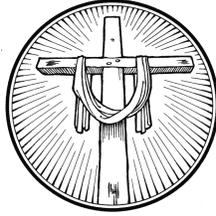
Luke's focus on the very fleshly, material body of the risen Lord . . . means that God remains faithful to his creation, not choosing to start completely over, but redeeming it in its entirety. Since Luke portrays God reclaiming for his reign the entirety of Jesus' fleshly body, one could say that the body of the risen Lord not only functions as the embodied proclamation that God reigns, but also reveals a glimpse of that coming reign for the entirety of the cosmos. In the words of David Toolan, the risen body of the Lord is "the fleshing out of the Creator's dream for the universe," and indeed, "if he be raised up, it means that all things are raised up."

I am not suggesting that the physical material of the cosmos is the most important aspect of God's redemptive action, but only that, in light of Luke's narrative, it cannot be excluded from redemption and reclamation for God's coming reign. Indeed, there is more to the redemption of the universe and the human body than the redemption of physical stuff. In the words of Lyle Dabney, "In raising our mortal body, God will redeem not just that body . . . but the entirety of our embodied life: the whole of our relationships, our experiences and our encounters, all that makes up our identity." This is the direction Luke's story takes when he narrates the reconciliation in relationships that takes place at the table of the embodied risen Lord, a table at which we gather to experience the real presence of this Lord and anticipate the consummation of his reign when he will redeem and reconcile all our strained relationships.

~ Andy Johnson, *"Our God Reigns: The Body of the Risen Lord in Luke 24"*
Word & World, Spring 2002

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



PRELUDE

"Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne"

... D. Buxtehude

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide" blue hymnal #676

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

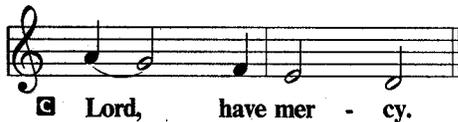
C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



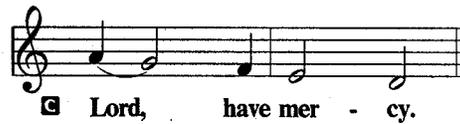
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



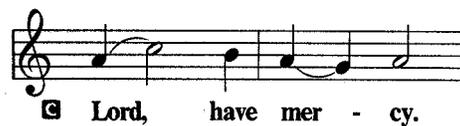
*O Christ,
Thou didst
sleep a life-
giving sleep
in grace, and
didst awaken
humankind
from the
heavy sleep of
sin.
~ Byzantine
liturgy*

Indeed, the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful. For God was in humanity. He who was above all creation has become in our human condition; the Invisible One was made visible in the flesh; He who is from the heavens and from on high came in the likeness of earthly things; the Immaterial One could be touched . . .

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

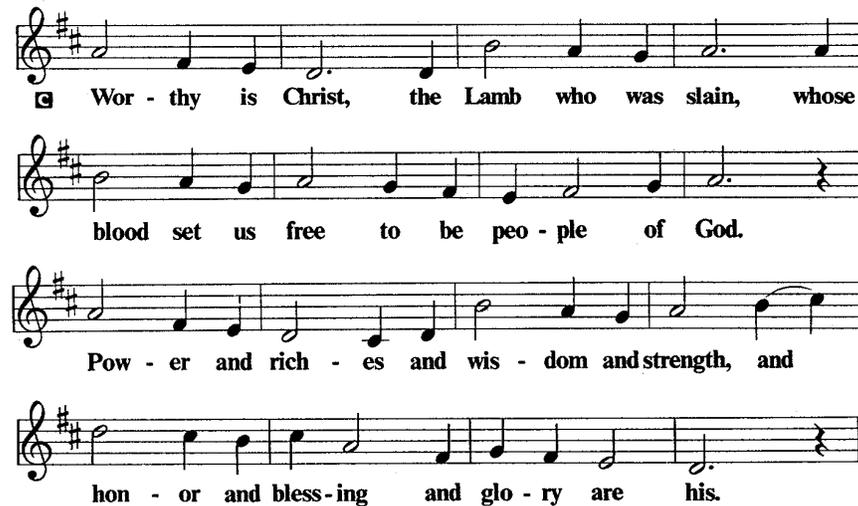


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
 le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☒ And al - so with you.

... He who is free in His own nature came in the form of a slave; He who blesses all creation became accursed; He who is all righteousness was numbered among transgressors; Life itself came in the appearance of death. All this followed because the body which tasted death belonged to no other but to Him who is the Son by nature.

~ Cyril of Alexandria,
On the Unity of Christ,
 around 412 A.D.

It is extremely strange, and extremely interesting, that the stories of Jesus' resurrection never mention the future hope of the Christian . . . Instead, we find a commission within the present world: "Jesus is risen, therefore you have work ahead of you." The stories are about the vindication of Jesus, the validation of his claims, and the commissioning of his followers to act as his heralds, announcing to the world its rightful lord.
~ N.T. Wright,
The Resurrection of the Son of God

P: Let us pray . . . O God, through the humiliation of your Son you raised up the fallen world. Grant to your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Acts of the Apostles 3:11-21

¹¹While [the healed beggar] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4

L: Answer me when I call, | O God, defender 'of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; |
have mercy on me and 'hear my prayer.

C: **“You mortals, how long will you dishon'or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af 'ter false
gods?”**

L: Know that the LORD does wonders 'for the faithful;*
when I call upon the LORD, 'he will hear me.

C: **Tremble, then, and 'do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence up'on your bed.**

L: Offer the appointed 'sacrifices,*
and put your trust 'in the LORD.

C: **Many are saying, | “Oh, that we might see 'better times!”*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon 'us, O LORD.**

L: You have put gladness 'in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and 'oil increase.

C: **I lie down in peace; | at once I 'fall asleep;*
for only you, LORD, make me 'dwell in safety.**

All: **Glory 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**

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

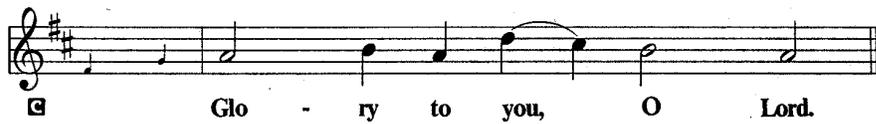
VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The Easter stories tell of a victory. However, it is significant that the description is not of a God who strides through the gates of death as though through a triumphal arch The One who has been raised from the dead remains the crucified One. And the marks of His dominion which He will forever bear are the scars on His body.
 ~ Eberhard Jungel, Death: The Riddle and the Mystery

*Where have
your love,
your mercy,
your compas-
sion shone
out more
luminously
than in your
wounds?*

*~ Bernard of
Clairvaux,
1090-1153
A.D.*

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ☩ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” green hymnal #140

SERMON

“Habits and Habitats”

Please stand. We do not kneel for prayer during the Easter season.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

“With High Delight”

... J. Weber

Please stand.

Is it so terribly inconceivable to comprehend God with one's senses?
 ~ Antonius Block,
 "The Seventh Seal,"
 directed by Ingmar Bergman,
 1957 A.D.

OFFERTORY "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
 is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
 My Je - sus rose tri - um - phant - ly, and Sa - tan's ar -
 rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
 Oh, hear, what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
 Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

□ We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the first phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

□ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Musical notation for the second phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

□ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r 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.

Musical notation for the Sanctus: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

As the blessed Paul declares in his Epistle to the Ephesians, "we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones." He does not speak these words of some spiritual and invisible man, for a spirit has not bones nor flesh; but he refers to that perfect arrangement by which the Lord became an actual man, consisting of flesh, and nerves, and bones, – that flesh which is nourished by the cup which is His blood, and receives increase from the bread which is His body

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

In the same way also he took the cup after the 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 of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "I Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

... And just as a corn of wheat, falling into the earth and becoming decomposed, rises with manifold increase by the Spirit of God, who contains all things, and then, through the wisdom of God, serves for the use of men, and having received the Word of God becomes the Eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ; so also our bodies, being nourished by it, and deposited in the earth, and suffering decomposition there, shall rise at their appointed time, the Word of God granting them resurrection to the glory of God.
~ Irenaeus,
Against Heresies,
around
170 A.D.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” green hymnal #352

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” green hymnal #224

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



May our Lord
Jesus Christ
show you his
hands and his
side and glad-
den your
heart with his
love, and may
you behold
and hear only
him until you
find your joy
in him.

Amen.

~ Martin
Luther,
Letters of
Spiritual
Counsel

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Thine is the Glory” green hymnal #145

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

... D. Cherwien

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer as You Go

Risen Christ of glory, you are the source of all that is good, true, pleasing, and beautiful in the world. Having conquered death through your resurrection, you continue to give life to all those who place their faith in you. Let me share in your risen life, both in this world and in the world to come.

Amen.

~ John V. Kruse,
Lent and
Easter Wis-
dom

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

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Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolytes: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen; Zack Madden; Grace Stimac

(11:00) Sam Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Lois Jarosz; Bill Metter

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Gary Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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