

EASTER SUNDAY

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church – Mendon, New York

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

PREPARATION

457 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!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P We are illumined by the brightness of His rising.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P Death no more has dominion over us.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father. Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of the risen Jesus Christ, I ask You to forgive me all my sins. Deliver me from my guilt and death and raise me up to forgiveness and life that my heart may finally be at peace. Amen.**

P By the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and forgiven. 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.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:10—15:1

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

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

Choir Anthem

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen

Children's Message

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

sts. 1-2, 6-7



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;
7 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to bliss un - told,



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.
Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown pre - pared;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
He shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low Him through all.
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and eternal God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness, but especially on this day for the gift of the salvation of the whole world through the forgiveness of sin and restoration of eternal life to all believers in the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give us the new vision of faith that we may believe that He is with us to the end of the age. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Rule and govern Your whole church throughout the world that we may be witnesses to Your gift of new life. Guide, direct, and bless all pastors and ministers of Your Word and blessed Sacraments that they may faithfully proclaim and distribute Your gifts of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** We pray for all in the authority of government of our country and of all the nations of the earth that they may serve the citizens under their care with justice and in righteousness that all may lead quiet and peaceable lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Comfort all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any adversity, giving them the healing of hope in Your mercy and faith in Your promise of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** As we remember the great crowd of witnesses that have gone before us and are with You, we pray that You acknowledge us to be in their company now by faith and admit us into their

eternal fellowship, that when our last hour comes You may receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory

SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!” all the saints in
glo - ry Fill Your tem - ple with their song a -
round Your gold - en throne; “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly!” with them we a - dore You;
God in three per - sons, all in Christ as one.

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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.

The Words of Our Lord

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:

Lord's Prayer

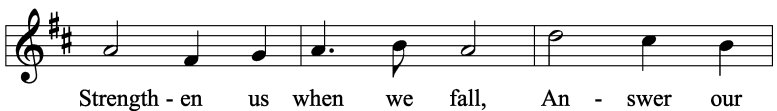
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O Lamb of God, We Pray





fer - vent call And grant us peace.

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475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



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

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461 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.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;

He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 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.

8 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!

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Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, by this Holy Communion, You have given us a foretaste of Your eternal kingdom, where death will have been defeated, where there will be no more crying or pain or mourning, and where all the faithful will be resurrected in Christ. For this glimpse of what You have in store for all creation, we give You thanks and praise. We ask that by Your Holy Spirit, our lives would show forth glimpses of Your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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.

C Amen.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

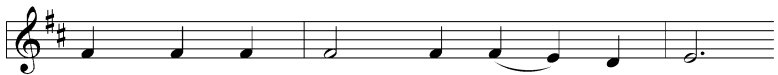
Refrain



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.

Alleluia! Refrain

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