

The Resurrection of Our Lord  
April 1, 2018  
First Lutheran Church, ELCA

Easter Prelude

A Gift of Song

"Were You There"

Senior Choir

An Easter Morning Litany

L: The Lord is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The light of the sun breaks forth across the sky, and a new day has dawned.

C: The Son of God has broken forth from the tomb, and new life has begun.

L: The dark night has been transformed by the light of the sun, and the world breaks forth with color.

C: Christ has emerged from the depth of the grave, and the world breaks forth with Joy.

L: The Silence of the night is broken by the sounds of chirping birds.

**C: The hush of death is overcome by the sounds of God's people breaking forth in songs of praise.**

L: Plants and trees turn toward the light from above as morning breaks

C: And we turn toward the Son of God to live in the light of his life.

L: Now every morning will break forth with hope and promise, because Christ is alive.

C: Every morning will be filled with blessing and salvation! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

#367

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: " Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

**"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"**

Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.

**"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above  
**that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day**  
that by our lives we truly say:

**"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

**"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"**

Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Greeting

L: 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.

Easter Prayer

Song of Praise

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where they body lay.

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting!

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
**make us more than conqu'rors, through they deathless love;**  
bring us safe through Jordan to they home above.

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Gospel Story

John 20:1-18

Song

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

**I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;**  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 12-23

Song

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
**The message of salvation from God's own holy word.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Song

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
**I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

Scripture Reading

Job 19:23-27

Easter Message

Song

**"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

Choir/Congregation

*(Please sing when directed)*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!**

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!

**Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grace, the skies, Alleluia!

Sharing the Peace

L: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

A Gift of Song

**"Mozart Alleluia"**

Amy Rogness

Offering Prayer

L: Risen Christ,

C: receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the **new life of your resurrection. In your name we pray...Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: Yes, it is right to give thanks and praise, for this day God has done a wonderful thing. We share in the victory over sin, death, and the devil, as we eat and drink. Jesus lives and is with us now.

### **Remembering God's Promise...**

Invitation

L: The Lord swallows up death forever and makes a feast of rich food and wine.

**Come...eat, drink, the gift of God for you...even as we pray...**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Sharing the Meal

**"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"  
"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"**

**Handbell Choir**

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

L: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, and for laying your gentle hand of blessing on us, through Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*(All worshipping with us today are invited to join the choir for the Hallelujah chorus.*

***Please come forward during "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" if you wish to participate)***

Song of Praise

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"**

**#377 (vs. 1, 4, 5)**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

## Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah" (G.F. Handel)

### Benediction

L: The stone is rolled away! We have gathered in resurrection grace. We have had our faith lifted up, sitting triumphantly on the empty tomb. Now, go with the joy of Easter in your heart.

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the Risen Lord! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Postlude "Toccata from Symphony No. 5" (Charles-Marie Widor)

An Invitation to Holy Communion:

**All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children are also welcome.** You do not need to be a certain age to receive the gift of God at this table. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms in front of your chest (sign language for love) will let our servers know you would like a blessing. Communion today will be by intinction (Dipping the wafer into the wine/grape juice.) If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, let the server know as you come forward. Please let the usher know if you would like communion brought to you. Come and Celebrate the Feast of our Lord.

## ***EASTER FLOWERS PRESENTED BY:***

Karen and Denny Richardson – In Memory of Cathy Richardson and Dave Moses

Carol Hoyt – In Memory of Donald (Pete) Hoyt and Jamie Hoyt

Jodi Belden & Wade Crecelius – In Honor of Friends and Family

Heath and Tricia Oeltjen – In Memory of love ones

Denise and Phil Jacobson – In Memory of Charles Jacobson and Marka Longenecker

Cheryl Luettinger – In Memory of Shirley & Walt Luettinger

Lucy Sontag – In Memory of Dr. Dave Sontag

Randy & Lori Meincke – In Memory of Richard & Lois Meincke

Edie & Rick Sward – In Honor of their children

Pat & Cindy Ebert – In Memory of Uncle Ray

Nita and Ric Wallace – In Memory of their loved ones

Ross and Sandy Bendickson – In Memory of Jean Besendorf

Sonda Featherstone – in Memory of Cliff & Muff Sogla

Dennis & Marlys Johnson – In Memory of their parents

Steph and Dave Harvey – In Memory of Bob & Jane Johnson

Peter & Kerstin Suby – In Memory of their fathers

Sue & Jerry Benson – In Memory of their parents

Dean and Darlene Saby – In Honor of their children and grandchildren

Lyle & Marilyn Mathison – In Memory of their sons Todd & Kris