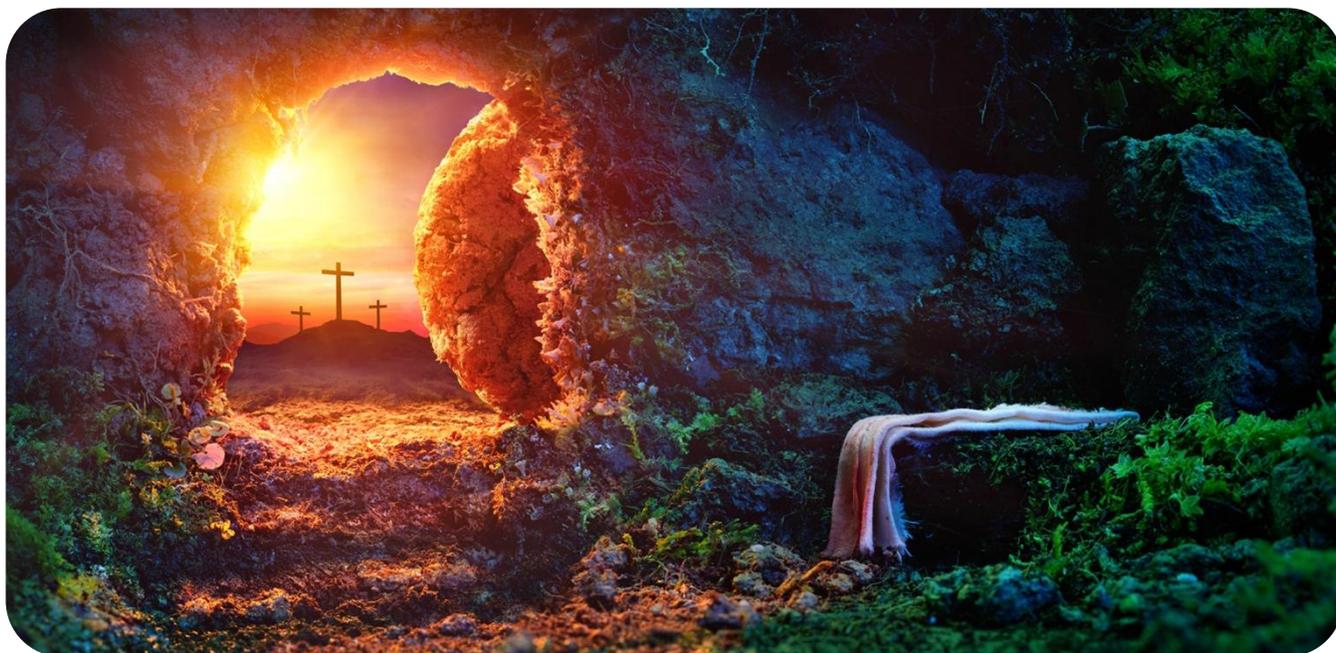


# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 12, 2020 – GRACE EVANGELICAL-LUTHERAN CHURCH



## ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries!

Still, this whole thing stinks (I'm sorry to say such a thing on Easter Sunday) but it is true! We should *not* be apart for the Feast of the Resurrection! We should *not* be separated from each other and removed from the life-giving sacrament of His true body and most precious blood! We shouldn't be . . . but we are.

So today, the message of Easter is exactly what we need to hear! Our God, our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, is the victor over death, hell, and the power of the grave! *And nothing – NOTHING – can change that FACT!*

### ✠ MATINS ✠

*Stand*

#### OPENING HYMN: Christians, to the Paschal Victim

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- P** Christians, to the Paschal Victim / Offer your thankful praises!  
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: / Christ, who only is sinless, / Reconciling sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended / In that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, / Reigns immortal.

*Congregation*

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark  
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

**P** “Speak, Mary, declaring / What you saw when wayfaring.”  
 “The tomb of Christ, who is living, / The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;  
 Bright angels attesting, / The shroud and napkin resting.  
 My Lord, my hope, is arisen; / To Galilee He goes before you.”

*Congregation*

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!

**P** Christ indeed from death is risen, / Our new life obtaining. / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

*Congregation*

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

**OPENING VERSICLES**

*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1*

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,

**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PSALMODY**



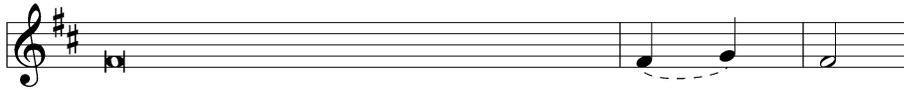
**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**Venite**

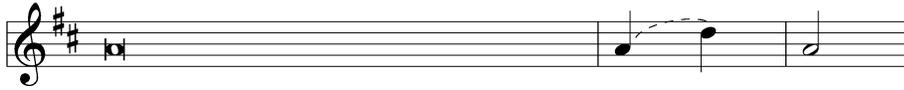
*Psalm 95: 1-7*



**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*The pastor and congregation chant responsively.*

(antiphon) <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever, \*  
and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\*

<sup>2</sup>MServe the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!

<sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD, | He is God!\***

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His | courts with praise!\*

Give thanks to Him; | bless His name!

<sup>5</sup>**For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,\***

**and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*The antiphon is repeated.*

*Sit*

OFFICE HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



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 endured, 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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## READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Acts 10:34–43*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA



### VERSE

*2 Timothy 1:10b*

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

### ALLELUIA



**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, **“Greetings!”** And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, **“Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**RESPONSORY: Easter**

*Psalm 96:2; Psalm 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:220*



**L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the



hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Sit*

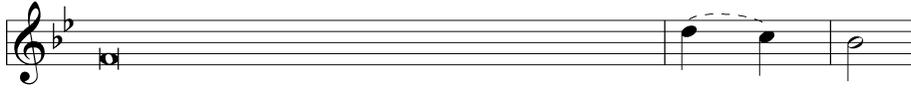
**SERMON**

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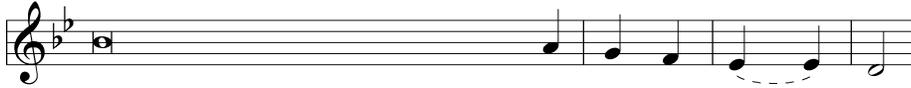
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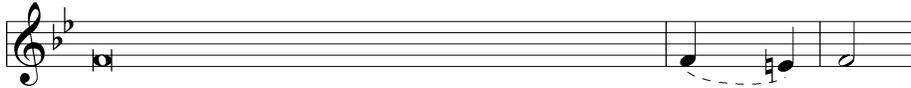
## TE DEUM: We Praise You, O God



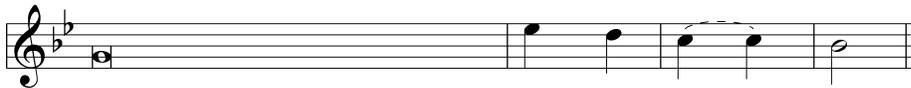
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



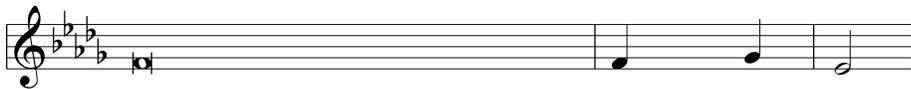
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph - ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com - fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



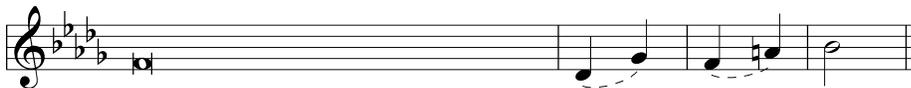
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



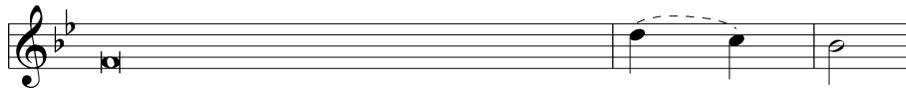
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



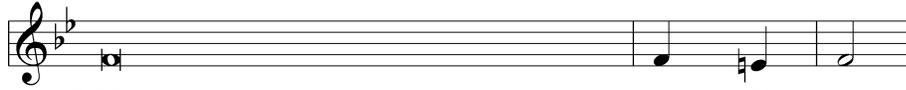
- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



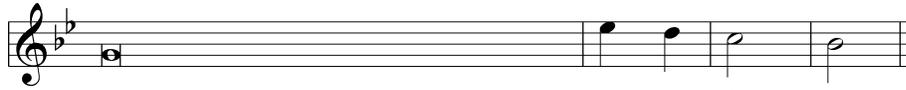
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out \_\_\_\_\_ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

**PRAYER**

*Kneel (or remain standing)*

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*



**☩** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## COLLECTS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spir - it.

### *Collect of the Day*

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

**C** A - men.

### *Collect During an Epidemic*

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### *Collect for Peace*

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

### *Collect for Grace*

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**BENEDICAMUS**

*Psalms 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠**  
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters,

One of my favorite pericopes is from the Book of Job, where he confesses absolute confidence in the resurrection of all flesh: “I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!” (Job 19:25–27).

The “Eyes of Lent” have now given way to the “Eyes of Easter.” Now we have confidence that, baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, we have the certainty of gazing upon the face of our dear Lord Jesus Christ one day soon. Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly!

I know that worshipping in this “virtual space” is a challenge and less than ideal. Yet I pray that our time together this day, as we celebrate and confess our faith in the resurrection of our Lord and His promise to us of our own resurrections with Him, has brought you joy, comfort, and the light of our crucified and resurrected Lord, Christ Jesus, into your homes. While we are apart from the Lord’s house, let us hold fast to God’s Word and earnestly study it each day, for the Word of God is always efficacious and accomplishes the purpose for which He sends it (Is 55:11).

Lastly, while our physical gatherings are suspended, please remember that the work of Christ's church continues. Please consider mailing your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box:

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Yours in Christ Jesus,  
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