

Alleluia!
CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023



"Easter" comes from an old English word related to dawn and shining. At Easter we stand in the light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is at the very heart of the gospel.

As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord. The seven weeks of the Easter season make up a “week of weeks” (seven times seven): a symbol in time of the fullness and abundance of God’s grace. In ancient practice, fasting and kneeling were forbidden during the weeks of Easter. In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith—that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Notes on the days of Holy Week are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA), 2018

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

Crown With Many Crowns/Easter Hymn

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ Is Risen, Sing Alleluia!

Christ is risen, sing alleluia!
Lift your voices in jubilant praise.
Loud hosannas ring through the heavens,
echoes of love and redeeming grace.
Death is defeated, God's plan is completed,
sing alleluia!
Christ is victorious,
praise him with glorious hymns and songs.
Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood."

EASTER GREETING | STANDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN | STANDING

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(next page)

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GATHERING PRAYER | STANDING

This is the day that the Lord has made!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Hear our glad voices and know our joyful hearts, O God,
for we see this Easter morning

that nothing can separate us from your love.


This is the day!

We will rejoice and be glad in it!


PSALM 118

This is the Day

The cantor sings the refrain once, then all repeat.



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joyce and be glad.____



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joyce and be glad.____

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good: God's mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever!" (repeat)

The Lord's right hand has struck with power.

The Lord's right hand is exalted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. (repeat)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes! (repeat)

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

All the children are invited to come forward for the lighting of the candle.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Weeping Mary

Mary to the Savior's tomb,
Hasted at the early dawn;
Spice she brought, and sweet perfume;
But the Lord she loved was gone.
For awhile she weeping stood,
Filled with sorrow and surprise;
Shedding tears of joy she would
Praise her Lord forevermore.
Jesus, who is always near,
Though too often unperceived,
Came, her sad heart to cheer,
Kindly asking why she grieved.
Then her sorrows quickly fled,
When she heard her Savior's voice,
Christ had risen from the dead,
Now he bids her heart rejoice.
Rejoice for your Savior is alive!
Rejoice and wipe your tears away,
He is risen as he said.

-John Newton (1725-1807)

THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE | STANDING

At the Font We Start Our Journey



1. At the font we start our jour - ney,
 2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned
 3. At the ta - ble we are nour - ished
 4. At the door we are com - mis - sioned,



in the Eas - ter faith bap - tized;
 by the Eas - ter tale re - told
 with the Eas - ter gift of bread;
 now the Eas - ter vic - tory's won,



doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 in our break - ing it to piec - es
 to re - store a world di - vid - ed



by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the pow'r of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - a - lized.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

*After the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the baptismal font
 in the back of the sanctuary*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH | STANDING

from 1 Corinthians 15

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe
and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM | STANDING

Through our baptism we were claimed as God's beloved children,
made citizens of God's kingdom,
and freed from the bondage of sin.
Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption
as we are sprinkled once again with these life-giving waters.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line has two measures: 'There is one Lord,___' and 'There is one faith,___'. The second line has two measures: 'There is one bap - tis - m___' and 'There is one God.____'. The third line has two measures: 'And we are all___' and 'chil - dren of God,___'. The fourth line has two measures: 'born of one same___ Spir - it,____' and 'Al-le-lu - ia!' with a triplet of eighth notes over the final three notes of the second measure.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TABLE

OFFERING

How Can I Keep From Singing?

After the offering, the congregation stands and sings "Now the Feast and Celebration" as the bread and juice are brought forward to the Lord's Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

Now the Feast and Celebration

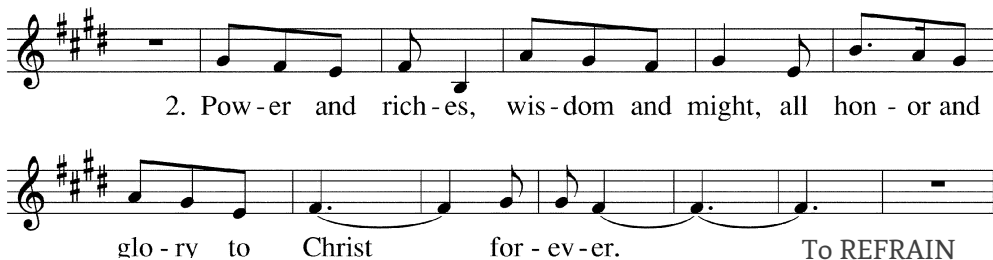
Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us
to be one great peo - ple of God. To REFRAIN

Verse 2



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon-or and
glo-ry to Christ for-ev-er. To REFRAIN

Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. To REFRAIN

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of majesty,
for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
whom you sent to save us.

He came with healing in his touch,
and was wounded for our sins.

He came with mercy in his voice,
and was mocked as one despised.

He came with peace in his heart,
 and met with violence and death.
 By your power he broke free from the prison of the tomb,
 and at his command the gates of hell were opened.
 The one who was dead now lives.
 The one who humbled himself is raised to rule over all creation,
 the Lamb upon the throne.
 The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.
 And so, with all creation,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of__ hosts.___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glo - ry,

the whole earth is full of God's glo - ry,

the whole earth is full of God's glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him.
Give us who are fed by his hand,
grace to share our bread with the hungry,
and our compassion with those who are ill,
especially Cody, Susan, Joanne, Kenneth, Paul and Crys, Nicole, Wendy, Lee,
Mary Anne, Sara, Andrew, and Carol
Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.
All glory and honor are yours, O God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
through Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.



The congregation is seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion.

*Once you have received, please return by the side aisles,
placing your cups in the baskets provided*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**
The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

COMMUNION SONG

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity, I'll sing on!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ,
we have glimpsed you here as we have shared bread and cup.
So help us to see you risen, present, and at work in our world
and to join you in making all things new
until you come again in glory
and we feast again with you for all eternity.
Amen.

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN | STANDING

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
(next page)

CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

RECESSIONAL | STANDING

This Is The Day

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.



1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers; Christ has ris - en
2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to
3. Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lende



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em-brace the
bring - ing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis -
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is



bles - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the
ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose
pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Saturday @ 9am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY W/DAN MCNERNEY

Tuesday @ 7am

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR PAUL

Wednesday @ 11am

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Paul

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy

Greeters: Ryan, Kendal, Avery,
and Charlie Reis

Lectors: Ken Probst, Liz Berwanger

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