

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP
March 31, 2024 9:30 AM

PRELUDE: **“Crown Him With Many Crowns”** **George J. Elvey, arr.**
Organ and Piano Duet: Judy Eckard, Carolyn Paschal

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 25:6-9

P: Jesus Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the Name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ †. In the Name of God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead. In the Name of the Holy Spirit, Who gives us faith and new life.

C: Amen.

P: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

C: He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever;

P: The Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

C: And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,

P: The LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day,

C: “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

P: This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

C: let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

P: Jesus Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—LSB #457 **“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**
(Accompanied by Peter Rothenberger, Trumpet)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

MEN: But the pains which He endured.

WOMEN: Alleluia!

MEN: Our salvation have procured.

WOMEN: Alleluia!

MEN: Now above the sky He's King.

WOMEN: Alleluia!

MEN: Where the angels ever sing.

WOMEN: Alleluia!

ALL: Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: In The name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: On this day God the Father raised His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, from death. He thereby showed His acceptance of our Savior's sacrifice for our sins. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 6:23) He takes the burden of our sins from us and offers us a clean slate, abolishing our sin and it's guilt. Let us therefore freely confess our sins in the assurance that they will not come between us and our gracious God.

P: Most gracious heavenly Father,

C: **We come to You burdened by the sins for which Your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. In all humility we ask for Your mercy. You have raised our Lord Jesus from death and promised us eternal life because of the faith Your Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts. For the sake of Your Son's innocent suffering and death and His glorious resurrection, forgive us, renew us and lead us to everlasting life.**

P: As you have confessed your sins, God in his mercy has forgiven your sins and remove all unrighteousness from you. By the cleansing blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and as a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven, you are healed and restored, and by your faith in Him as your Lord and Savior you have the gift of life eternal. Live now in newness of life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 16

P: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

P: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

P: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let your holy one see corruption.

P: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ALL: Glory be 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.

WORSHP SONG

"See A Victory"

The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls it won't pre - vail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail
My God will never fail

I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
I know how this story ends
I know how this story ends

**I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord**

**I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord**

**You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good, You turn it for good**

**You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good, You turn it for good**

**You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good, You turn it for good**

**I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord**

**I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord**

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Ben Fielding, Chris Brown, Jason Ingram, and Steven Furtick

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you!**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Hallelujah! You rose from the dead! You live! You reign, Lord over us, Jesus, the Christ of God! Come to us! Touch us! Love us! Guide us! Lead us! In Your death we died with You! In Your resurrection we live in You! In glory we will reign with You who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR CHOIR

“The Day of Resurrection”

Stan Pethel

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-88

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

C: **begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

P: God of God,

C: **Light of Light,**

P: Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father,
C: By whom all things were made;

P: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the
Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary
C: And was made man;

P: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
C: He suffered and was buried;

P: And the third day He rose again
C: According to the Scriptures;

P: And ascended into heaven,
C: And sits at the right hand of the Father;

P: And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
C: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

P: If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead,
C: You will be saved.

P: It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
C: And it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. [Rom 10:9-10]

PRAISE SONG

"Gratitude"

**All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude**

**I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do**

**So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah**

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

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SERMON “The Resurrection....We Must Trust in the Lord” Isaiah 25:6-9

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Piano Solo, Judy Eckard

Samuel S. Wesley
Chris Rice, arr.

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BLESSING

P: Jesus Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB #461

**I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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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POSTLUDE

"Song of Triumph"

David E. Wion

**HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!
HE IS RISEN!!! ALLELUIA!!!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!**