

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EASTER SEASON

April 7-May 12, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship



EASTER'S ETERNAL DAWN

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOG

Now we stand still, held in the mystery of an open tomb.

At the dawn of this day, the new life of Christ has blossomed within this silent grave,

For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

The one lost to the world in the brutality of the cross, is born from God again in this hallowed tomb.

The wondrous life of God in Christ cannot be buried, cannot be contained.

God's new possibilities unfurl like morning light.

Like the glow of an eternal dawn.

All creation delights in this holy day.

Our world is brought to life through the tender caress of God's renewing love.

For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Please rise in whatever way you are able.

OPENING SONG

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of Life who breaks the long and lonely winter... (prayer concludes) in the wonder of this new dawn we pray.

Amen. Rise again in us, O Giver of Life. Melt our hearts. Renew our souls.

The congregation may be seated.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

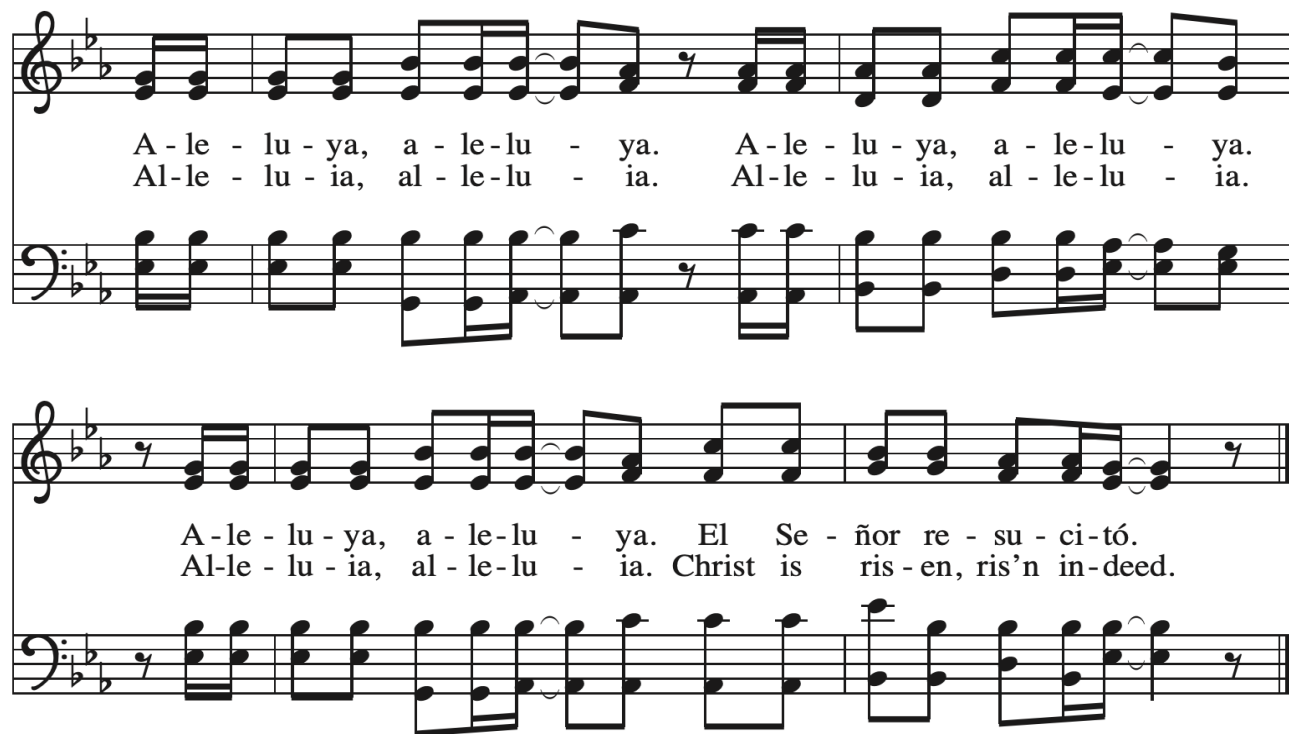
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after the reading:

As the early church proclaimed the power of this Easter story in their time,

So we proclaim new life in Christ within our world today.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please feel free to sing in either English or Spanish)*



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first two lines of the acclamation. The second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes in both English and Spanish.

GOSPEL READING

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The good news of Easter's dawn.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THE DAY

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SERMON



A STATEMENT OF LONGING

by Gretta Vosper, West Hill United Church, Toronto, Canada

Our breath, each breath
is love, hope, inspiration,
a truth that sings forth from within.
We are enveloped with its challenge,
borne in each heart from the uncharted boundaries
of that which transcends us all,

**May these harmonies speak to us
of the beauty for which we long,
the unremembered perfection
whence we were born**

and call us to offer ourselves as vessels
for their hallowed music,
pouring truth into the crevasses of despair in our world.

**May we walk with courage
in places of hurt, anger, fear, and isolation,
with love, the standard we bear,**

holding us to our own truths
and sparing us the tragedy of the petty remark,
the regrettable action,
the choices we know we'll regret.

**And when we cannot hold
to the challenges our love sets for us,
may we find our way back to one another
and in each other's eyes,
find welcome, healing, and forgiveness.**

Through the interweaving of our dreams,
strengthened as they are
with threads of beauty, goodness, and truth,
the glory we may become
is woven into reality.

**May we ever offer our hearts
to this essential devotion.
As light into light we pray,
Amen**

OFFERING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

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MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

After each portion of the prayers:

God of the open tomb,

Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of the risen Christ live in you each day.

And also in you.

All are invited to greet one another.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

All creation shares the renewing vibrancy of Easter life. Earth itself bears witness to life that cannot be contained. From seeds that are sown, bread for the table. From earth's tender fruit, wine to be poured. The bread of life and the wine of new promise reveal for us this risen Christ, for in the night in which he was betrayed...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

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COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING SONG

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EASTER SENDING

The God of the open tomb invites each child of the earth to live in peace and to seek an Easter life, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING MUSIC

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WHO WE ARE

We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.

- We embrace an open approach to every spiritual journey.
- We ask questions together and value every voice.
- We strive for justice through service to the world.

We seek to be transformed by the path we walk together.

WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

We are a community embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation.

We look for the Christ shining in every race, every child and family shape, every sexual orientation and gender identity, every physical and mental ability, every economic status, and every faith perspective. Within this dynamic community, we foster meaningful connections and experiences as we live into faith and face the issues of our time.

Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds, and hands extended to all.

"... for all of you are one in Christ." – Gal. 3:2