



Sunday, April 11, 2021
First Sunday After Easter
Peace Lutheran Church
Doubting Thomas

GATHER

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: The Holy Spirit empowers us to confess our sins... to tell ourselves the truth in love. We seek repentance and forgiveness. We seek to get up from our falls, overcome our mistakes and face hurt in a way that brings more wisdom and wholeheartedness, allowing us to live Christ-like lives.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

silence for reflection

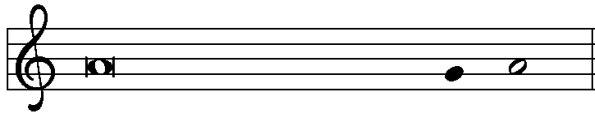
ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

AMEN

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

MANY: AMEN

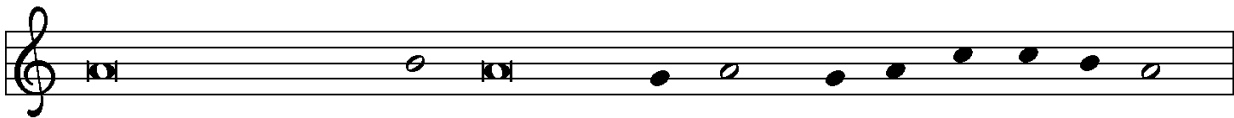


ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

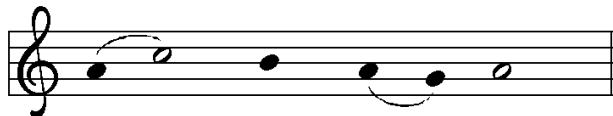


MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

ONE:



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

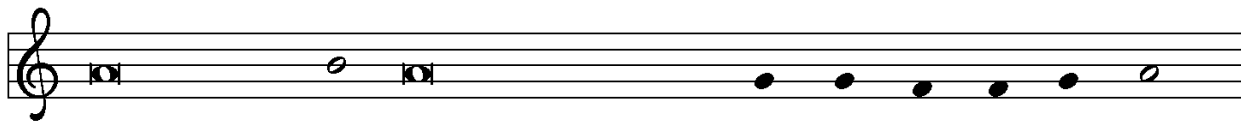


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

ONE:





free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ONE: Christ is risen!

MANY: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SERMON

Rev. Jason Lukis

SONG OF THE DAY

I Am Thomas

words and music by Jason Lukis

BLESSINGS

Stefanie Fiser Kleven
Phil Mennicke

+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day Christ rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. AMEN**

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

silence

ONE: Jesus, you endured the cross and the grave rising strong on Easter morning. Make us ever aware of the light and joy of Easter in our lives and in our world. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in surprising ways. Join us together as Easter people of faith and send us out into your world celebrating the shared humanity of all people, and embracing the glorious diversity you are creating. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of revolution, a year ago we did not know what we were about to learn; we did not know what we could lose and somehow live anyway. Today it feels like the world is opening back up and we are both thrilled and kind of scared about that. We are afraid that we will never be who we once were. And we are also afraid that we *will* be who we once were. Yet, when we quiet our anxious thoughts, we start to suspect that we are closer to the people you have always known and always loved. Help us trust that, Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: God of the resurrection, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ... the family of Jack Olsen victims of mass shootings, the victims of government violence in Myanmar...

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

OFFERING

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen

Words and music by Luis Bojos,
translated by Martin Seltz

*Alleluia! Christ is arisen.
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.*

*1) Run, faithful women, to the grave-side.
Marvel, the stone is rolled away!
Hear from the angel, "He is risen."
Christ goes before you all the way.*

*2) Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;
Christ stands before your very eyes.
Quickly return to the disciples;
bear the good news: "He is alive."*

*3) Gather, disciples, in the evening:
suddenly Christ your Lord appears.
"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.
Peace be with you, and do not fear."*

*4) Thomas, where were you on that evening?
"I'll not believe unless I see."
Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day:
"Touch me and see; have faith in me."*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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ONE: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

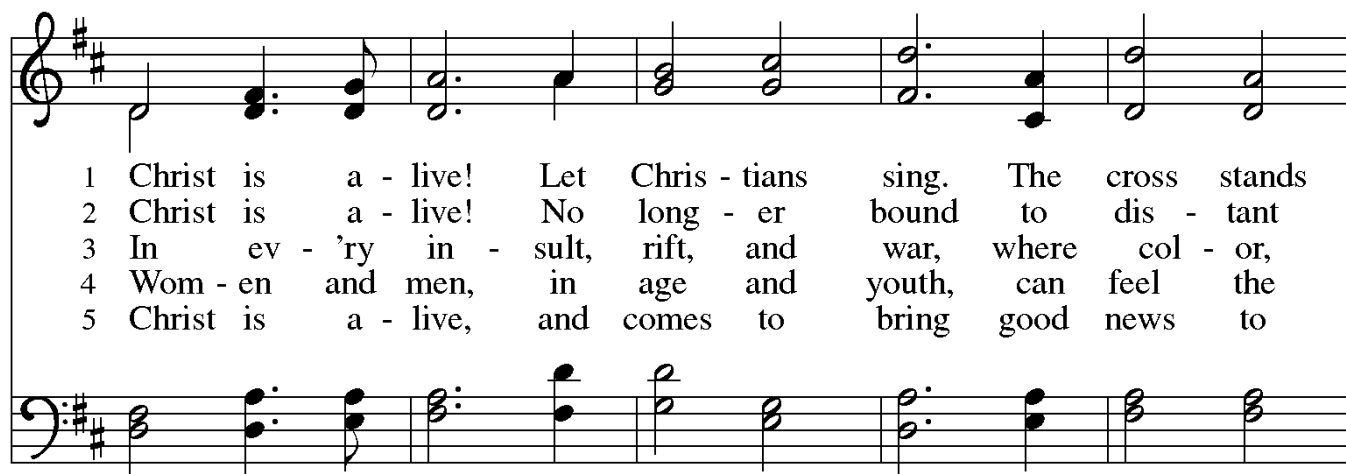
Give us today our daily bread.

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

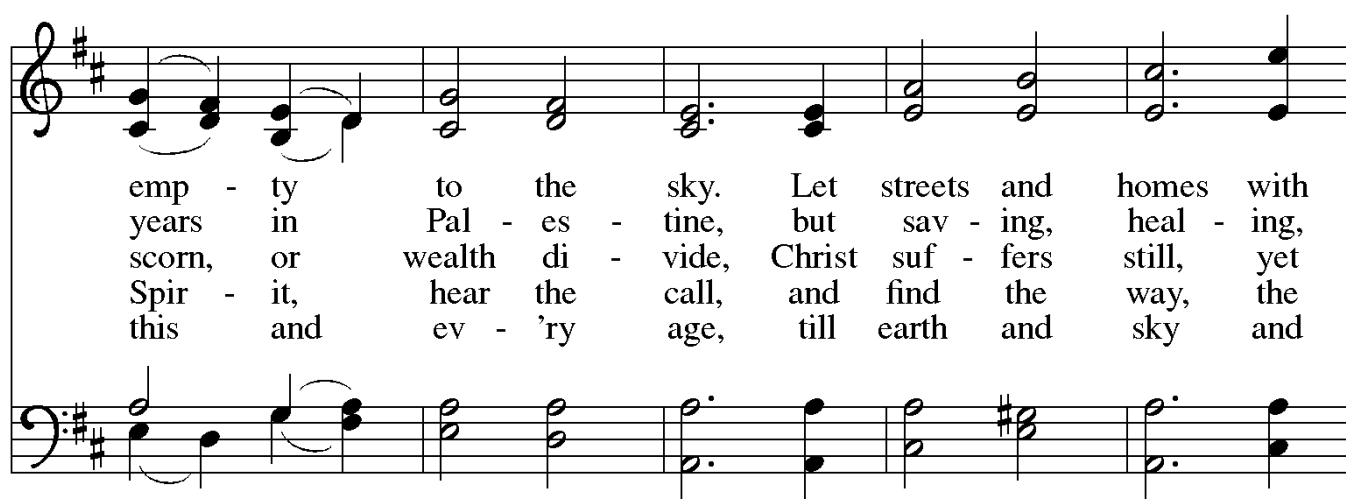
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

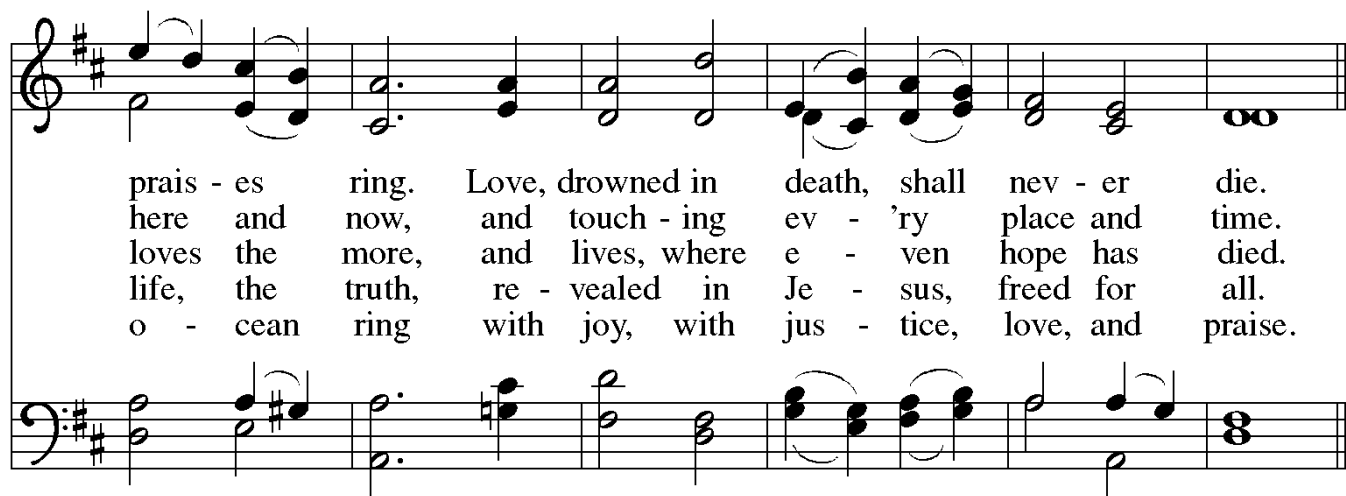
now and forever. AMEN



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, Christ is Risen!

MANY: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

arr. James Biery

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