

2nd Sunday in Easter

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

April 19, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet. If at any time during worship you have a question, feel free to ask someone sitting near you for help. We are more than happy to assist you in any way that we can.

WORSHIP THEME

The sure testimony of the resurrection is placed before us today. Jesus' resurrection is attested to by the Scriptures and by eyewitnesses. Faith hears this testimony and rejoices in sure and certain hope in Jesus. Those who have such faith are declared blessed by the risen Christ.

MORNING PRAISE

*"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins". Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.
please stand*

HYMN

719 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go.
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

This Tanzanian Easter hymn reminds us that the empty tomb is a message that transcends all time and culture.

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Tune: MFURAHINI HALELUYA (99 99 and Refrain) Public Domain; Tanzanian



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



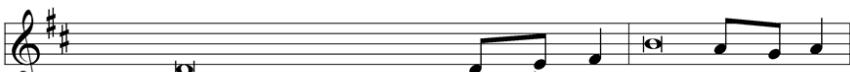
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

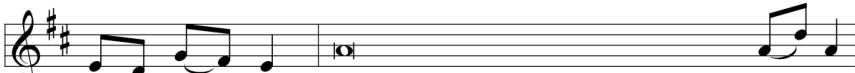


M: Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

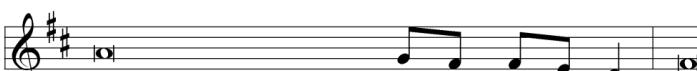
OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD — *Venite*



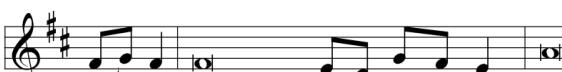
C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are

in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
 bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 5:29–42

You can warn us, you can threaten us, you can beat us but we must confess Jesus is the Christ. Peter and the rest of the apostles continued even when threatened.

²⁹ Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than people. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted this man to his right hand as ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was respected by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered the men^[a] to be taken outside for a little while. ³⁵ He said to them, “Men of Israel, be careful about what you’re about to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, and all his followers were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After this man, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and attracted a following. He also perished,

ed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case, I tell you, stay away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even be found fighting against God.” They were persuaded by him. ⁴⁰ After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. ⁴¹ Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name.^[b] ⁴² Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

Refrain

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Psalm tone

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Keep me safe, O God.

for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

apart from you I have no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always before me.

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3–9

A treasure that can't be taken away from you, a hope that will not fail, that is

the salvation of your souls. Faith is a gift from God that leads us through this life of suffering to our heavenly goal.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶You rejoice in this,^[a] even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy,⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:29

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.
Alleluia.**

please stand

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19–31

John records the Easter evening appearance of the risen Lord to the disciples in Jerusalem. He bids them peace and confers on them the power of the keys. But Thomas is absent from the scene. When told of the Lord's appearance, Thomas expresses only skepticism and refusal to believe without "proof." Graciously, Jesus again appears a week later, and Thomas is present. The Lord recalls his disciple to faith but says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

¹⁹When it was evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because

they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

²⁰ Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said,^[a] “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 (called “Twin”^[b]), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples were telling him, “We’ve seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “If I don’t see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Jesus said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed.^[c] Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,^[d] and that by believing you may have life in his name.

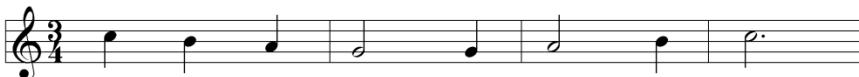
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HYMN OF THE DAY

165 O Sons and Daughters of the King

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O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,
 A - mong them came their Lord dear
 That Je - sus had ful - filled word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - lee."
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
 "My hands, my feet, my body see;
 And doubt not, but believe in me."
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried.
 Alleluia!

8 Blessed are they that have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been;
 In life eternal they shall reign.
 Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 To God your hearts and voices raise
 In laud and jubilee and praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

SERMON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Best Wishes?

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WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD – *Te Deum*



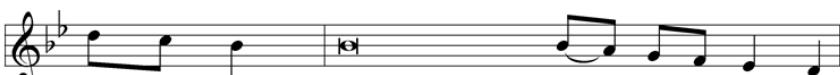
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



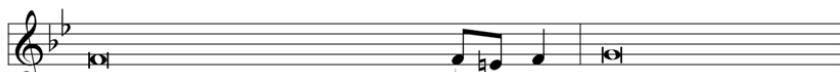
Fa-ther ev - er -last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



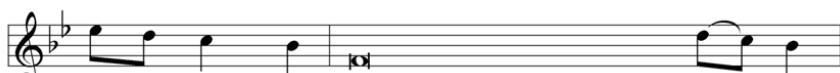
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



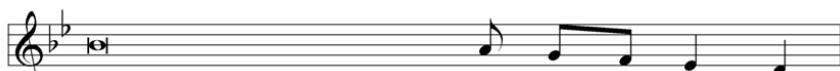
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



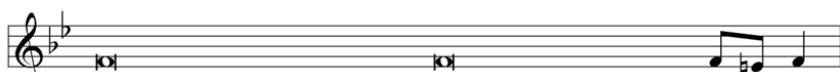
The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,

and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of
glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to
set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the
sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.
We believe that you will come to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of
your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

be seated

OFFERING

The offerings during the week are placed on the altar. Thank you to all who are able to support our church and it's ministry during this time. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to give.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*

please stand



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

368 O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -
2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our

seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All
ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of
pow'r di - vine; The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O
song a - bove In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And

oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
love be-yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
Son of God, is thine. We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;
ev - er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee

To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee
Where per - - fect prais - es ring And ev - er -

and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY (76 76 D) Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us

to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord.

C: Amen



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



C: A - men.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN 158 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

1 I am con - tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
 2 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con - tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me

heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for
 from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to

me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
 died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
 all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
 be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that

death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
 brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
 sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
 hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -

die for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
 res - ur - rec - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
 ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
 joice for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.