

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 10, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

EASTER PRAISE MEDLEY:

“He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is lord!

Ev’ry knee shall bow, ev’ry tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord. *(Repeat song)*

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“Alleluia”

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He’s my Savior, He’s My Savior....

He is risen, He is risen.....

He is worthy, He is worthy...

I will praise Him, I will praise Him...

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INVOCATION:

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C: **Praise him in the heights above.**

L: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

C: **Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.**

L: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

C: **Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,**

L: And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

C: **Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

L: Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

C: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

L: Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

C: Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

L: Young men and women, old men and children.

ALL: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

L: And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

RESPONSE: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam, And silver moon with softer gleam.

REFRAIN: Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:

Oh, praise him! Alleluia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening, finds a voice. REFRAIN:

O flowing waters, pure and clear, Make music for your Lord to hear.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

O fire so masterful and bright, Providing us with warmth and light. REFRAIN:

Let all things their Creator bless And worship God in humbleness.

Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One, REFRAIN:

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: As we read the gospel accounts of Jesus' life we see how often fear is the normal reaction to what He is doing. And, at His resurrection we read that fear quickly gave way to faith, joy and peace. Lord God, living as your people in this fallen world,

L: When our human reaction to sickness is fear,

C: Use that fear to point us to your peace that passes all understanding.

L: When we fear what seems to be an unraveling culture,

C: Use that fear to point us to your peace that passes all understanding.

L: When we fear for the safety of those we love as they travel about,

C: Use that fear to point us to your peace that passes all understanding.

L: When we fear for the future welfare of our children and grandchildren,

C: Use that fear to point us to your peace that passes all understanding.

L: Forgive us when we get stuck-at-fear and fail to acknowledge Your rule and reign over all things for the sake of Your church's mission. Hear us for your name's sake.
 C: Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast"

REFRAIN: *All*

Musical notation for the Refrain. The first line of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: C4, G4, F4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Chords above are F, G, C, G, Am. The second line of music continues with notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. Chords above are Dm, G, C, G, Am, F, G, E. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word *Fine*.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

VERSE:

Musical notation for the Verse. The first line of music is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: C4, G4, F4, G4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. Chords above are Am, Dm, G, C. The second line of music continues with notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. Chords above are F, G, C, Am. The third line of music continues with notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. Chords above are F, G, Em, Am. The fourth line of music continues with notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. Chords above are Dm, G, C, Am. The piece ends with a double bar line and the marking *D. S.*

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God;
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion:
 pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
 "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might be to
 hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. This
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men." This

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.
 C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, the risen Christ appeared to the disciples in lock-down announcing peace in the midst of fear and disbelief. Speak your peace to us as you did to your first followers. Lead us from fear to faith so that in our living we proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" In your holy name we pray. Amen.

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

L: The Word of our risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

EPISTLE LESSON: I John 1:1-2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of our risen Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 20.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe¹ that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L: This is the Gospel of our risen Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Sons and Daughters of the King”
O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.” Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, “My peace be with you here.” Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples’ word. Alleluia!

“My pierced side, O Thomas, see, And look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!

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

How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

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

MESSAGE – Pastor Keith Brutlag

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us. CHORUS You came from heaven to earth to show the way; From the earth to the cross my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your name on high." The score includes guitar chords: G, C/G, D/G, C/G, D, Dsus, D, C, C, D, Em7, Am7, and G.

Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.
CHORUS
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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