

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Easter Morning
“Love Is Come Again”
April 4, 2021**

Thought: This day we feast! Easter is the apex of the Christian year. While Christmas was more easily secularized and commercialized, not even an egg-bearing rabbit is able to re-narrate Easter as something other than the Sunday of resurrection. We rejoice in the miracle of Easter. When we see by the light of the morning on Easter Sunday, the gruesome image of Jesus' tortured body cannot keep that Friday from being called good. Love has come again!

P: We begin our celebration this morning in the quiet, like the first Easter morning. We are called together by God to celebrate that first resurrection and look for signs of the resurrection in our lives here in the present moment.

**Prelude – Lillian Pinkston
OR**

Processional – Now the Green Blade Rises

(Laura Wright, Ron Davis)

<https://youtu.be/g-5Bi2jM40E>

(during this time Paschal Candle is lit, palls are removed from cross and baptismal font and water is poured – love is come again!)

Easter Proclamation

A: The green blade rises from the buried grain.
For so many long days in dark earth has it lain.
And Love is come again like wheat new rising green.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed!

Sharing of the Easter Peace

Greeting

P: The grace of our Risen Jesus, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and amen!

Easter Music of Praise – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Tabernacle Choir with Orchestra 2019

<https://youtu.be/mve4JNnQK28>

Prayer of Easter – Love is Come Again!

A: Need we ask, O God? Need we inquire with the women:

C: “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

A: Need we ask, O God?

C: Indeed, NO!

A: For your power has rolled away the stone.

C: Your love has cast it aside.

A: Need we ask, O God? Need we inquire with our fellow believers:

C: “Who will knock down our tombstones? Who will unearth our caskets? Who will breathe into our lungs new life?”

A: Need we ask, O God?

C: Indeed, NO!

A: For your power will raise us from death.

C: Your love will bid us enter heaven’s gates.

A: So inspire us by your power – your love –

C: ...that we may live lives of resurrection joy! Alleluia!

A: Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now –

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Witnesses to the risen Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Gospel – Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced,
and the response is one of terror and amazement*

<https://youtu.be/nRYVBhusDWk>

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be

alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children of God

<https://youtu.be/hy8EMSWkdLg>

Easter Message – Love is Come Again (Pastor Barnes)

<https://youtu.be/GlChL-exGcQ>

Music – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

First – Plymouth Church Arr. Jeremy Bankson 2018

<https://youtu.be/TkWaoJZGvsA>

Second Article of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

A: In a time before all knowing, Christ Jesus watches the creating, and steps out into creation: becoming, living, dying, and rising, all for us. All humankind, no exceptions, no reservations; all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A: Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, you have opened earth's good pleasures to us,
C: even as you have opened heaven's eternal gates.

A: So we open our hearts to you,

C: even as we offer you lives of praise. Alleluia!

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Christ The Lord is Risen Today (TSA West Video)

<https://youtu.be/ZVIKjE4uIFl>

Preface

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,
you are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

Words of Institution

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from
death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston
OR
Now All the Fault of Heaven Resounds
Immanuel Lutheran Colorado Springs
<https://youtu.be/mgYKK9EfzMQ>

Post Communion Prayer

A: As Christ has risen from the dead, so has he raised us into new life.
Rejoice and be glad for you are beloved of God.

C: All praise and thanks belong to God, the Creator, the Son and the Spirit, who gives us life, renew our body, mind and spirit, and nourish us in love. Amen.

Sending Music – Thine Is the Glory
Grace Community Church
<https://youtu.be/JklGqJkp9fc>

Blessing

A: God is before us

C: God is behind us.

A: God is above us.

C: God is below us.

A: God's words shall come from our mouths.

C: For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.

A: All is finished in beauty.

C: All is finished in beauty.

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

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Love is Come Again in you.

C: Rejoicing, we go to serve.

Hallelujah Chorus
World's Largest Virtual Choir
<https://youtu.be/akb0kD7EHlk>



He is not here;
he has RISEN!

Mark 16:6

