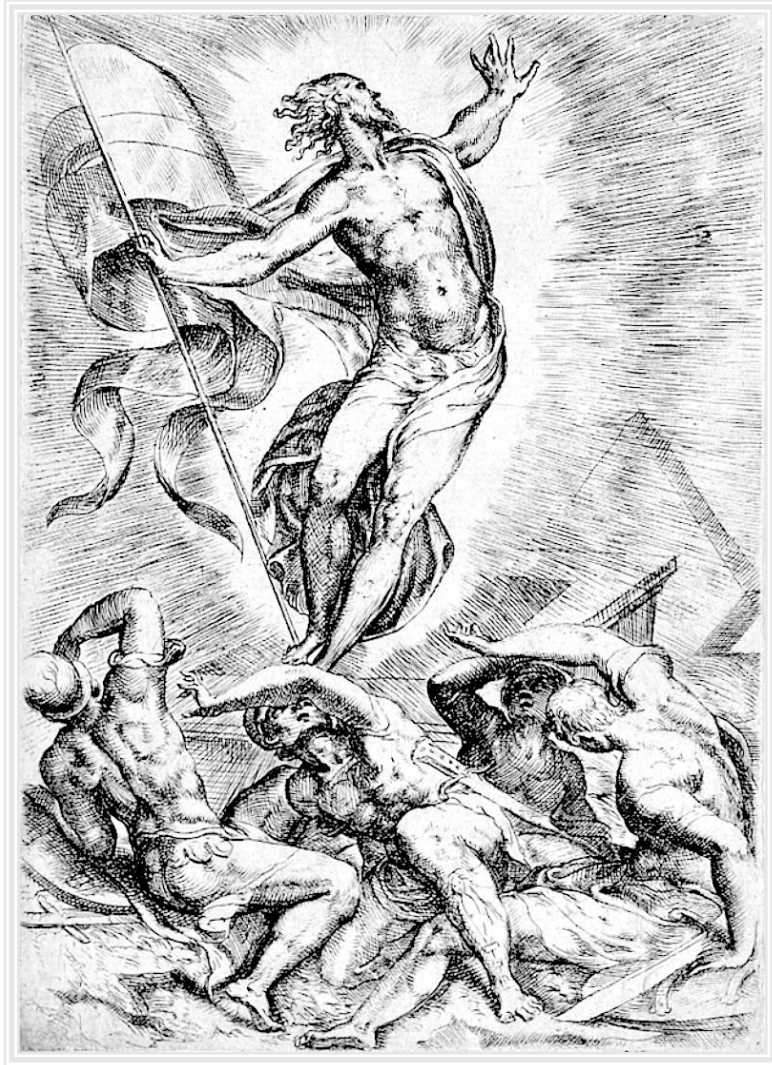


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Alleluia! Christ is risen!



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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Pascha, Easter Sunrise (recorded)..... April 12, 2020

In the semi-darkness with only the Paschal candle lit.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is good and right that we do.

THE PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

from the Old Testament: Exodus 14:10–15:1

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES AND ISRAEL

Exodus 15:1–6, 11–13, 17–18

*I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.*

**I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

*The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.*

**I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name.

*Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.*

The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

*Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*

**I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?

Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You stretched out Your right hand; the earth swallowed them.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The candles are lit and lights turned on.

from the Holy Gospels: John 20:1–18

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!



THE 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.

TUNE: TLH 210—TEXT: LSB 464—THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

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| 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! | 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! |
| 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia! | 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia! |
| 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! | |

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The Sermon

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives! He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.</p> <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.</p> | <p>3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.</p> |
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THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
hear us.

Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
have mercy on us.

Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
have mercy on us.

Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
have mercy on us.

Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
have mercy on us.

Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
have mercy on us.

Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

have mercy on us.

Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

have mercy on us.

Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

have mercy on us.

Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

have mercy on us.

By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

good Lord, deliver us.

By Your victory over sin and death,

good Lord, deliver us.

By the majesty of Your risen body,

good Lord, deliver us.

We poor sinners implore You

to hear us, Lord Jesus.

That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

grant us, good Lord.

That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

grant us, good Lord.

That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

grant us, good Lord.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

have mercy on us.

Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

grant us Your peace.

O Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, have mercy.

O Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

TUNE & TEXT: TLH 200—I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

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| <p>5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"</p> |

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