

# Easter Worship Guide

## 8:30 and 10:45 March 31, 2024

### Prelude Organ

#### 8:30 Trinity Choir: *“Introit for Easter”*

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### Announcements & Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

To prepare for this service, please bring the following items to the place where you will be participating in worship:

- A small container of water for remembrance of baptism
- A plate with bread on it. Cover the bread with a napkin or cloth.
- A cup or glass with wine or grape juice. You may have small cups for each of the people who will be participating. You may pour from the one cup into the many cups later during the service.
- A heart, soul and mind open to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:  
**through the earth, through the community, through every living thing.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

**Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.**

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

**In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.**

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

**Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Amen**

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## **Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367**

**1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**2** Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**4** Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Kyrie – page 213**

L: Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

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**Hymn of Praise “*This is the Feast*” ELW page 140**

*Refrain* This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
And honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

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**Prayer of the Day**

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead. He is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ. Help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Acts 10:34-43**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation ELW page 142**

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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## **John 20:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

## **Sermon - Pastor Susan Haukaas**

### **Hymn: “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*” ELW 365**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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 he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he 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.

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## **Prayer Song: "Lord Listen to your Children Praying" ELW 752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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## **Prayers of the People**

L: Risen Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

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## **Offering of Music:**

### **8:30 – Trinity Choir “*Easter Carol*”**

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### **10:45 – Celebration – “*Jubilate Deo*”**

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## **Offertory: “*This Little Light of Mine*” ELW 677**

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 4 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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## **Offering Prayer**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## **Communion**

At this time, please take the bread you have and uncover it.  
Do the same with the wine/grape juice and pour it into the cup you will use.

Gathered together into the one body of Christ from the many places where we experience this holy time of worship, we come to the Lord's table:

## **Great Thanksgiving ELW page 144**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:

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## **Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW page 144**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

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## **Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

### **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**

## **Distribution**

At this time, you may eat the bread and drink the wine, the body and blood of Christ, trusting in faith that Christ is with you.

If you are with other people, you may give them bread and the wine to eat and drink and then receive these gifts of God for yourself.

If you are not partaking in the meal at this time, receive this blessing: Jesus loves you. This I know.

## **Lamb of God ELW page 146**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.

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## **Communion Song: Wind Ensemble**

### **“Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing!”**

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### **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”**

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## **Communion Song: “Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376**

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

### *Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*



- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

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### **Communion Song: “Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW 379**

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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### **Prayer After Communion**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## **Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen” ELW 377**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain* Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

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