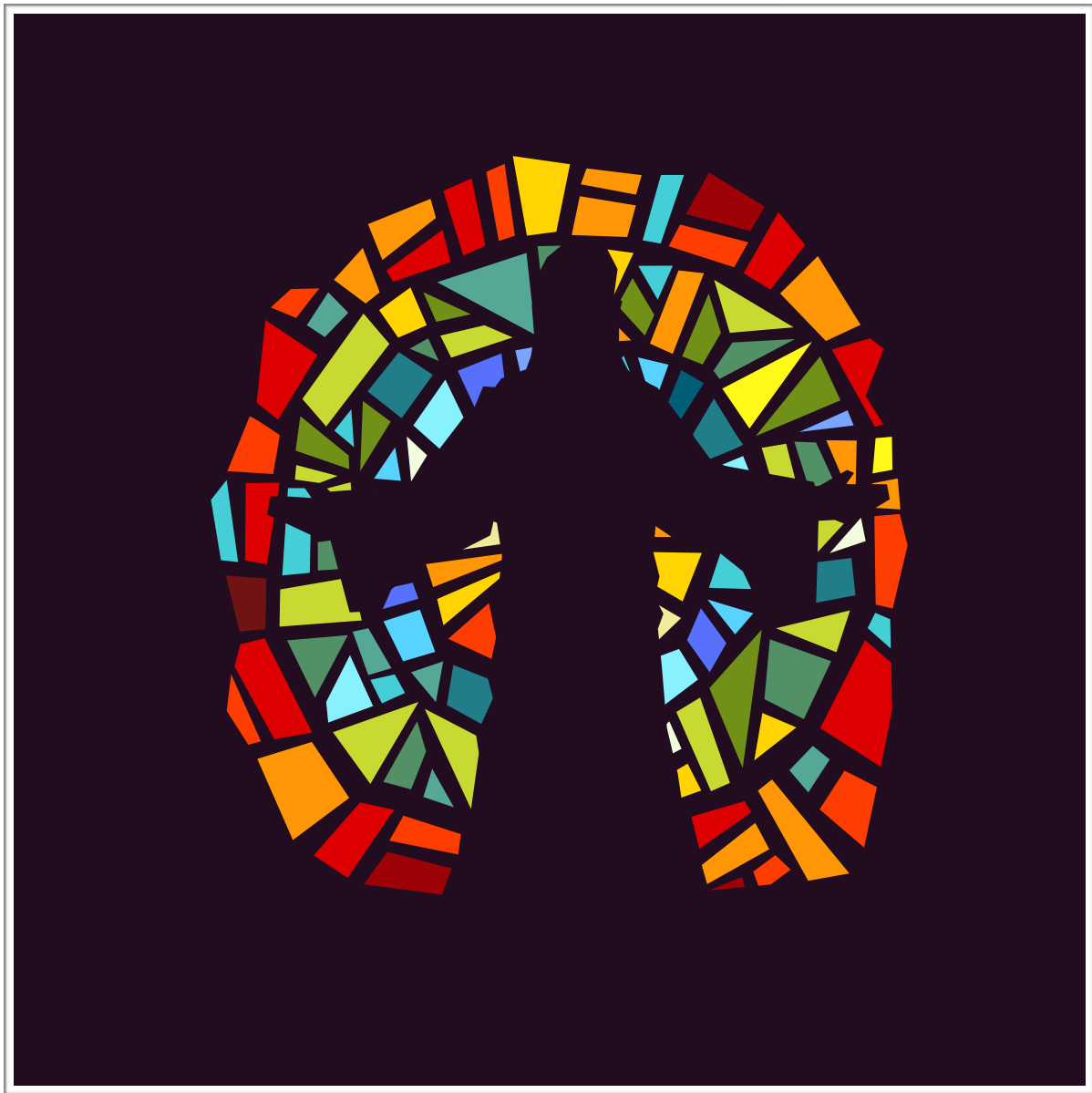


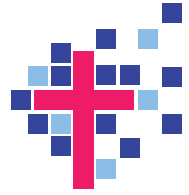
EASTER
SUNDAY



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
April 12, 2020

Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

*By God's grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to:
Worship God, Grow in faith, Share the Gospel, Serve others, Welcome all*



Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.



GATHER

PRELUDE

Martha Freitag, organist

Welcome, Happy Morning – Robert Below

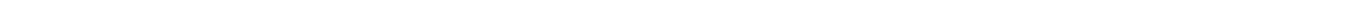
WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT

P Christ is risen!

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



Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER

- P Let us pray: Appear again to us, Risen Lord, and break the darkness with the glorious light of your resurrection. Bring us a new dawn of faith and hope, and fill our hearts with your peace that passes our understanding. Inspire us to be witnesses to your glory and grace by our faithful words and generous actions. This we pray through you, O Lord,
- C for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sammie Gorham, soprano

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – G. F. Handel



LESSONS

EASTER GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSV)

P The Holy Gospel as recorded in St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women} came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

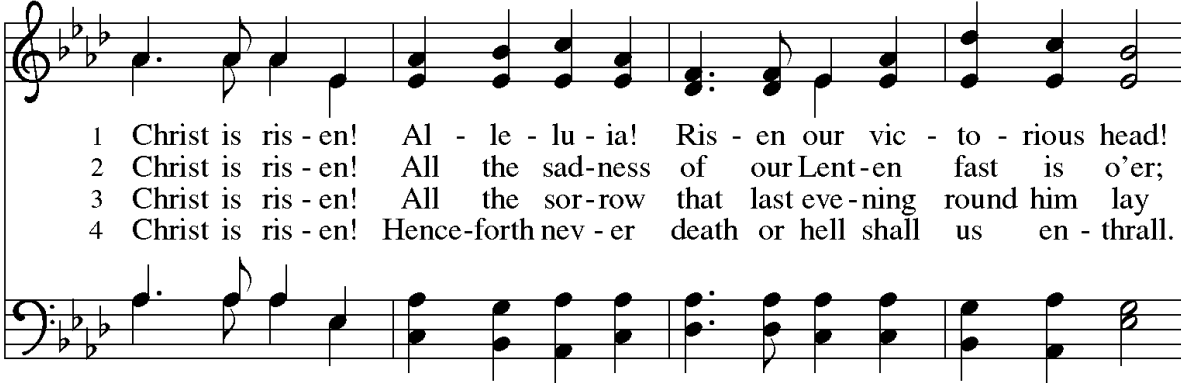
P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.


SERMON

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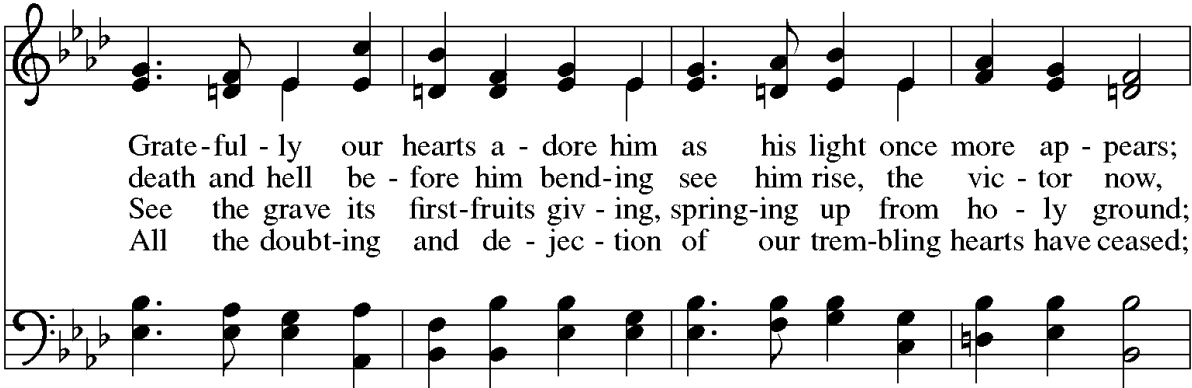
A Perplexing Easter

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!


1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

continued...

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics: 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!'. The second system of music is for the second line of lyrics: 'Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, “Lord, in your mercy.”
 To which the congregation responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray, as our Lord taught:
 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SENDING

BENEDICTION

P May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, still our fears, stir our faith, be salve for our wounds and the source of our joy; and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit, be with you this Holy Easter and forever.

C Amen.

POSTLUDE

Martha Freitag, organist

Jesus Christ, Our Great Redeemer – J. S. Bach
