

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
EASTER SUNDAY
April 12, 2020

PRELUDE

“The ‘Hallelujah’ has been restored.” from Rubrics

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WELCOME

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

Please stand as you are able—wherever you are.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymn #365

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

GREETING

The power of the risen Christ who is the life beyond all death and the joy beyond all sorrow be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Following the reading, the preacher will continue: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

FAITH IN MOTION

As we prepare to put our Faith in Motion and at the conclusion of Faith in Motion, we sing together: Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Hymn #377

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!

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

APOSTLES' CREED

In this time of uncertainty, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, words composed and confessed by our ancestors of faith and by Christians all around the world.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God, and make all things new.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another as possible.

OFFERING & MUSIC

This Joyful Easter Tide

Pastor Sarah, Vicar Beth, Chad Cole
arr. Somervell

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, **our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Nourish us for service in your name that we may rise to do your work with our hands. Amen.**

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

Refrain

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -
ev - er and ev - er. | Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O
God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O
Rul - er of all the na - tions. Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and
Refrain
sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va - tion be - longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and



bless-ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All



praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va-tion be-longs to our



God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

Spirit of God, grant us the virtue of elasticity. Make us pliable and playful. Stir our minds with your sacred spoon to awaken the fermentation of ideas. Help us, your church, embrace a spirit of adventure as we move into your future.

Silence for reflection as we consider God's creative work in our midst .

Gift us with wide-open hearts and minds, eager to embrace your leading, wherever, however, and whoever that includes. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look upon with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

For All the Faithful Women vv. 1, 2, 7 & 9

Hymn #419

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,
in whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,
we offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise

that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
Christ, keep our hearts attentive to truth that you declare,
and strengthen us for service when work becomes our prayer.

We praise the other Mary, who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry, but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him in resurrection light,
may we by faith behold him, the day who ends all night.

DISMISSAL

We are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 3

Brandon Burns
Vierne

Easter Lilies	
John & Linda Erickson	In memory of Palmer & Katherine Erickson
John & Linda Erickson	In memory of Esther Robbins
Cassie Harris	In memory of Fred Harris
Cassie Harris	In memory of Luke Fracker
Rita & Mike Holsten	In honor of DeLores
Ken & Evalyn Ehlen	In honor of our beautiful grandchildren



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pandemic Prayer Partners: Our Quarterly Community Building Goal is to either choose or have us assign you a “Pandemic Prayer Partner.” You are invited to choose a Pandemic Prayer Partner yourself, or you can let Pastor Sarah or Vicar Beth know that you would like to be assigned a partner. With your partner, you are invited to check in regularly and pray for one another—in whatever way you are most comfortable.

Food Delivery: During this time of Covid-19, we are receiving a tremendous gift from All Saints Lutheran Church. Their Saturday morning food pantry is not able to function as normal, and after delivering to a few of their families, they are gifting the rest of their weekly food portion to us—most of it salads, bread, eggs, and cheese from Trader Joe’s! This past Saturday, five members of the Grace community delivered food to Grace members and neighbors. Believe it or not, people in our community have turned down receiving food! Most of the food that is left can be shared with folks on the street; however, some of it requires cooking and has had to be thrown away.

You may not need food right now, but we all likely know someone who could benefit from yummy, no-cost additions to their refrigerator. If you are willing to take food either for yourself or someone you know, please email Pastor Sarah.

Grace Time Bible Study: All are welcome to participate in Grace Time Bible Study on Sundays at 9:45 am via Zoom! If you have a smart phone with wifi or data or a computer connected to the internet, you are able to participate. Please text or email Pastor Sarah if you would like to receive the link to participate.

Garden of Grace Produce & Volunteer Opportunity: The Garden of Grace is producing! If you are out getting groceries or completing other essential business, you are welcome to stop by the Garden of Grace to carefully harvest kale, chard, cilantro, or dill and/or to help with the weeding of the garden. In the Garden of Grace, weeds are easily identified as they are anything outside the white bags on the ground. All plants inside the white bags should stay there. If you need help identifying appropriate plants to weed or harvest, please call Pastor Sarah at 602-318-6876.

Easter Devotional: This Easter Season simply looks different and feels different. The celebration and traditions we have looked forward to throughout Lent are overshadowed by the uncertainty, confusion, suffering and fear brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In the midst of it all, it is helpful to remember that Jesus offers a word of comfort: FEAR NOT.

With this as our inspiration, a group of ELCA pastors and church leaders from the Twin Cities have produced a series of daily devotions written to help people of faith navigate these uncertain times. Each week, we'll focus on a story where Jesus told his followers to FEAR NOT, sharing uplifting messages, images, songs, and practical suggestions on how everyday people of faith can navigate the fears of the day. And help others do the same.

Sign up, and starting on Easter Sunday, April 12, you will receive your first devotion. And every morning for the seven weeks of the Easter Season, a daily dose of FEAR NOT will appear in your email inbox.

<https://bit.ly/FearNot2020>

Podcast Coming Soon: In lieu of in-person GLOW (Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays), Vicar Beth and Pastor Sarah will be hosting a weekly podcast called The GLOW SHOW! More information will be coming next week, but we expect that the podcast will be available on various platforms. Episodes will be released each Wednesday.

Affirmation of Baptism for Kenda & Erica Khatter: On Sunday, April 19, we'll celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for Kenda and Erica Khatter at 11:00 am! In addition to taking part in live stream worship, please encourage Kenda and Erica in their lives of faith by sending a card to their home: 231 E Orange Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Daily Meditations: Beginning Tuesday, April 14, Vicar Beth and Pastor Sarah will be offering Daily Meditations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at noon via Facebook Live. The theme will be The Work of the Spirit in the Early Christian Community, and we'll explore stories from the book of Acts!