

HE HUMBLED
HIMSELF

BY BECOMING OBEDIENT
TO THE POINT OF DEATH
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS

Philippians 2:8



Saint Michael Lutheran Church
Easter Sunday 11:00 Worship

11:00 a.m. – Service of the Word and Sacrament

Order of Service
Saint Michael Lutheran Church
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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025

Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. by Dan Marvin

Dr. Bryant Edgett, trumpet

Ben Ball, organ

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Psalm 118:24, Romans 6:9

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

by L. Story, M. Merker,

M. Papa, K. Getty, and J. Kauflin

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What hope this sweet assurance gives!
That He who gave His life for me
Arose with healing in His wings.
He lives, the tomb is empty still;
Redemption's promise He fulfilled.
No condemnation now remains;
The stone of death is rolled away.

Chorus:

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
On heaven's throne and in my very soul,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

I know that my Redeemer lives;
And all my life is bound to His.
In realms above, He intercedes;
Our sinless Savior, perfect Priest.
No fear can follow where He guides;

His constant presence is my light.
No power on earth or heav'n above
Can separate us from His love.

Chorus

I know that my Redeemer lives;
In life and death I trust in Him.
My soul secure, my future safe;
He'll not forsake me to the grave.
He lives, and He will not delay;
My eyes will wake to brightest day
And in my flesh I'll see Him stand
When Christ in glory comes again,
And ev'ry eye will see him stand
When Christ in glory comes again.

Chorus (repeat)

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

1 John 1:2, 5-9

Pastor: The Word of life was made manifest, and we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

People: that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

Pastor: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

People: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

People: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then, in full faith and confidence, confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, even in the light and joy of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, we confess to You that we remain sinful and unclean while in this world. It is against You we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned against You even as we have failed to do good for others. In short, we have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your punishment both now and even forever. For the sake of Your Son, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus, and by His intercession for us at Your right hand, have mercy on us. Forgive us and breathe into us once again Your renewing breath of life so that we may live according to Your will to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: At His ascension into heaven, our Lord Jesus lifted up His hands and blessed His disciples. So now, upon this your confession, receive the blessing of our Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Anthem

"Jesus Is Lord"

*by James Koerts
offered by the Sanctuary Choir*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with 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; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Song of the Day

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Sermon

"The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen"

Pastor Dave Bass

Offering

As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents, and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

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Creedal Hymn

"In Christ Alone"

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs

"Jerusalem"

*by J. Robinson, R. Thompson,
and Tiarne Tranter*

See Him in Jerusalem,
Walking where the crowds are.
Once these streets had sung to Him,
Now they cry for murder.
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross.
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us.

See Him there upon the hill,
Hear the scorn and laughter;
Silent as a lamb He waits,
Praying to the Father.
See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars.
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down,
So that He could save them.

See Him there upon the cross,
Now no longer breathing;

Dust that formed the watching crowds,
Takes the blood of Jesus.
Feel the earth is shaking now,
See the veil is split in two,
And He stood before the wrath of God,
Shielding sinners with His blood.

See the empty tomb today,
Death could not contain Him.
Once the Servant of the world,
Now in vict'ry reigning.
Lift your voices to the One,
Who is seated on the throne;
See Him in the New Jerusalem,
Praise the One who saved us!

Lift your voices to the One,
Who is seated on the throne;
See Him in the New Jerusalem,
Praise the One who saved us!

"The Power of the Cross"

by S. Townend and K. Getty

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day.
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This the pow'r of the cross.
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
dead are raised to life.
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh to see my name
written in the wounds,
For through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death.
life is mine to live;
Won through Your selfless love.

This the pow'r of the cross.
Son of God slain for us.
What a love, what a cost.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

by F. Crosby and W. Doane

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Chorus

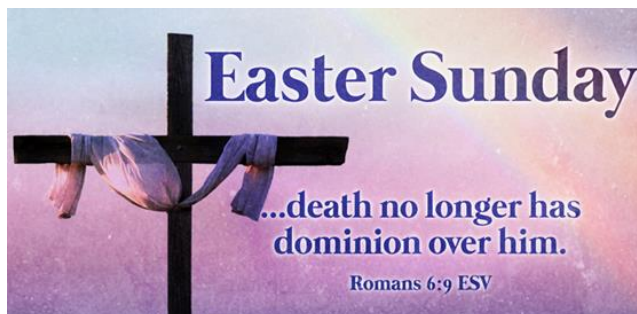
Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Chorus

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Chorus

Blessing



Closing Song

"Christus Victor (Amen)"

*by B. Fowler, K. Getty,
K. Getty, M. Boswell, and M. Papa*

O Most High, King of the ages,
Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood, You have redeemed us,
Led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure
salvation.

Chorus 1:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won.
Hallelujah! Amen!

Instrumental

O Most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners,
By Your blood, You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose
victorious.

Chorus 2:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won.

Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son.
Hallelujah! Amen!

Instrumental

O Most High, King of the nations,
Robed in praise, crowned with
splendor,
On that day, who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor,
Who was and is and is forever.

Chorus 2

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Chorus 2

Sing the vict'ry of the Lamb.
Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.



Easter Joy