St. Michael Lutheran Church
Greenville, South Carolina

NOTE: We encourage you to prepare for this worship service with the following:
Bread and Cup—that you might share a reminder of Jesus' Last Supper

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

❖ GATHERING ❖

We enter a darkened and silent church. Please use this time for meditation and prayer.

EASTER ACCLAMATION (we stand)

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed!

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Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 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

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

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

❖ WORD ❖

FIRST READING
Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL
Mark 16:1-8

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON Pastor Chris

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As we sing the Hymn of the Day, we will process outside for the rest of our liturgy. There is no rush, we won’t start till everyone is outside. Maintain appropriate distancing.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

1 The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the victor’s
   triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun, Al-le-lu-ia!
   has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Al-le-lu-ia!
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je-sus their legions
   from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Al-le-lu-ia!
   por-tals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Al-le-lu-ia!
3 The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious
   ser-vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al-le-lu-ia!
   from heav’n’s high
4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Symphoniae Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
   the Father, the Almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth,
   of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   the only Son of God,
   eternally begotten of the Father,
   God from God, Light from Light,
   true God from true God,
   begotten, not made,
   of one Being with the Father;
   through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
   he came down from heaven,
   was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
   and became truly human.
   For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
   he suffered death and was buried.
   On the third day he rose again
   in accordance with the Scriptures;
   he ascended into heaven
   and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
   He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
   and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
   who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
   who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
   who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
   and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve (especially). Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.
Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with Benedict the African and all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

❖ MEAL ❖

PEACE
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray. God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world. Bring all creation from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

COMMUNION

Please follow the Pastor’s lead in receiving Holy Communion.
We will be using the prefilled individual cups.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light
to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your peo-
ple. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all
the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
EASTER ACCLAMATION

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BLESSING

The God of all life,
who raised Jesus from the bonds of death,
who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth,
bless and keep you in the power of Christ’s resurrection,
now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the Risen Christ.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory, risen, con-qu’ring Son; end-less is the
2 Lo, Je-sus meets thee, glo-rious Prince of life; life is naught with-
3 No more we doubt thee, vic-t’ry thou o’er death hast won! Ang els
4 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu’rors,

rolled the stone a-way, kept the fold-ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri-umph, love; bring us safe through Jor-dan

where thy bod- y lay, death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-qu’ring

to thy home a-bove.

Son; end-less is the vic-t’ry thou o’er death hast won!