

SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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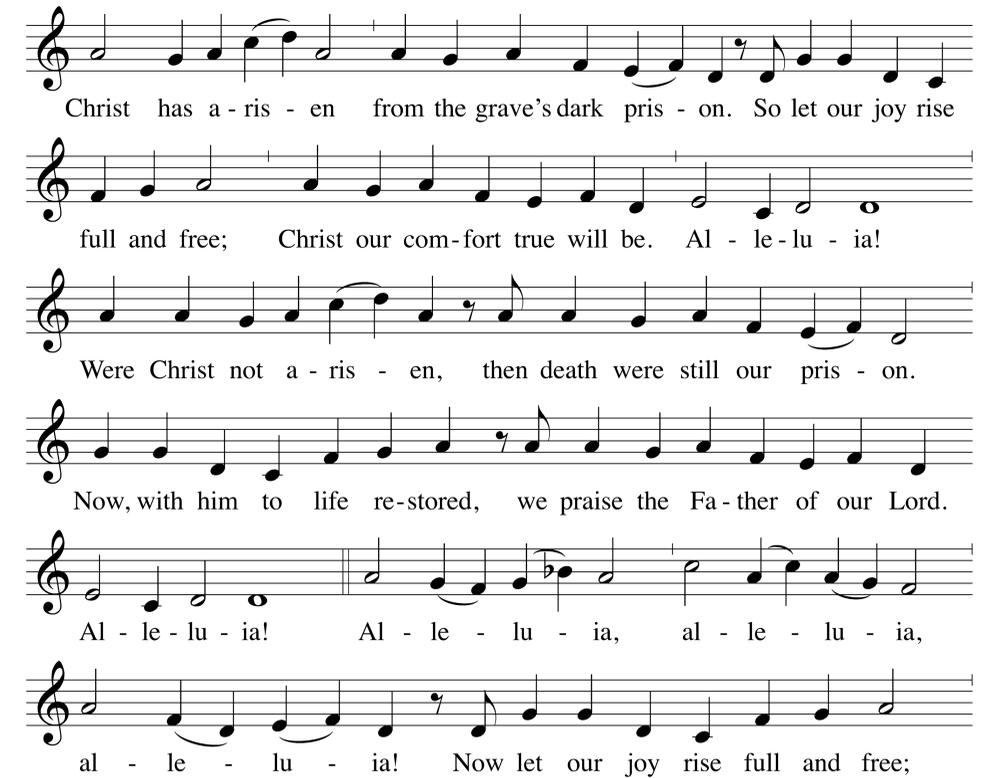
APRIL 19, 2020

WELCOME _____

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn Christ Has Arisen



Christ has a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!
Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our pris - on.
Now, with him to life re-stored, we praise the Fa - ther of our Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM _____

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvations.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

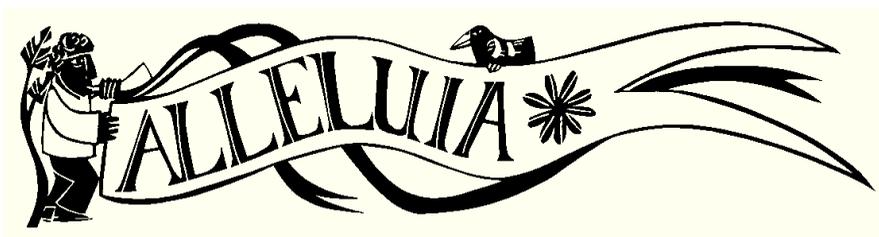
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



GATHERING _____

Hymn

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


 1 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose


 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and


 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and


 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:


 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to


 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

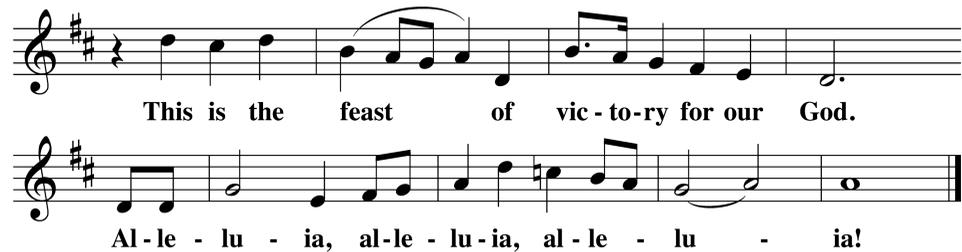
Refrain

 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


 4 For the Lamb who was slain has be -


 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Prayer of the Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD _____

First Reading

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take ref-uge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a-bove all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble a-mong the people.**

But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names up on my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who up-hold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
**I have set the Lord al-ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir-it rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for-evermore.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



HOLY GOSPEL



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT JOHN 20:19-31. +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Yehiel Curry
Metropolitan Chicago Synod

Hymn of the Day

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 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 sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

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!

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition: Let us pray to the Lord:
Have mercy, O God.

Sharing of the Peace

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

Reflections on God's Grace

THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your word of life, O God.

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

SENDING

Hymn

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters,
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing,
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Dismissal

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

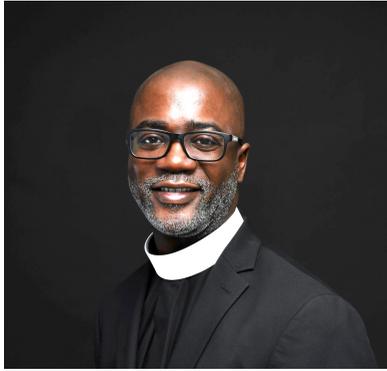
Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

WELCOME

This morning as part of our worship service Chicago Metropolitan Synod Bishop Yehiel Curry will present the sermon for the second Sunday of Easter. Please 'welcome' him into your homes!



Bishop Yehiel Curry was elected June 8, 2019, to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Prior to being bishop, Curry served as pastor of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Riverdale since 2013. He served as mission developer of Shekinah from 2007 to 2012. Bishop Curry received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2013. The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is one of seven ELCA seminaries. He and his wife, LaShonda, are the parents of three daughters. He was installed on October 19, 2019.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Despite these unusual circumstances Christians all over the world celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Even though we were not together at Saint Luke, we worshiped together virtually. We give thanks to Almighty God for the fine work of the following who made this possible:

- Pastor Stephen Bouman who presided and preached at the Holy Week and Easter services
- Don Mead and Megan Marshall who produced beautiful music for the Easter service.
- Adam Mead who decorated, recorded, edited and posted the services
- All the fine people who joined us in this virtual celebration

May the reassurance of the Resurrection and love which you received make us more eager to share what we have with our brothers and sisters everywhere.

