

ORDER OF SERVICE

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary (John 20:16), so he greets us. Welcome to Easter worship!

UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

P This is the gospel of our Risen Lord.

C **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

EASTER DIALOG

P He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed.**

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P He is risen!

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

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION: Treasures in Heaven

Easter reminds us that Jesus taught to lay up treasures in heaven and not on earth. His resurrection is a reminder to us all that while the things of this earth are temporary, we have the precious gift of life with him forever awaiting us.

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,

C **where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.**

P Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

C **It is there that neither moth nor rust can destroy and thieves cannot break in and steal.**

P Where your treasure is

C **there will your heart be also.**

P The things of earth are temporary.

C Life in the resurrected Jesus is an everlasting gift.

P The tomb is empty.

C Jesus has filled our hearts full of love, forgiveness and life.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

C Gracious God, you have walked with us throughout our Lenten journey. Today, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. For we ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever. On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.

C Amen.

HYMN “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!” (vs. 1-3) ELW #380

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:17-19

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

C ²Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

- L ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
- L ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- C ¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**
- L ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C ¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- L ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- L ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C ²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- L ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” (*sung*) page 151

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-21

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

APOSTLES’ CREED

C **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 Pilot,
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 CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

Special Trumpet Music - Bruce Olson

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“The Day of Resurrection!”	ELW #361
	“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”	ELW #382
	“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”	ELW #389
	“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”	ELW #619

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Shepherd God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW #367

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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