

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Easter Sunday | April 9, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

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***Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...*** Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Welcome, one and all, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection — and ours.

## **UNVEILING OF THE CROSS**

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

## **EASTER DIALOG**

**P** He is risen!

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**OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **INTRODUCTION: The Garden Tomb**

*In this Places of the Passion service for Easter Sunday, we marvel with the women at the garden tomb—now empty—and hear the good news from the angel: "He has risen, just as he said." All fear is gone because Jesus is alive and all faith is found in his words of comfort and peace.*

## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P** Christ is risen!

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

**P** Let us ever walk with Jesus!

**C** **To see the depths of his love!**

**P** To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

**C** **To gaze upon the heights of his grace!**

**P** To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy!

**C** **We travel to the garden tomb.**

**P** And we need not be afraid.

**C** **For Christ is risen!**

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

**C** **Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

**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** Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! You have been saved through the gift of Jesus Christ. 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: Job 19:23-27a

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth and health. In the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his redeemer lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

**L** <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

**C** <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

**L** <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**C** <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

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

**LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" *sung* page 151

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-11**

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON** *The Garden Tomb*

**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** Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **OFFERING**

"The Holy City"

*Bruce Olson - trumpet*

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.

**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**

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	“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** Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus’ name.

**C** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C** **Amen.**

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

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Christ is risen.

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

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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