

ORDER OF SERVICE

Easter Sunday | April 4, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to worship — and to resurrection life — on this most joyous day.

UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

EASTER PROCLAMATION

EASTER DIALOG

P He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed.**

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C **He is risen indeed.**

P He is risen!

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

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW #365

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the *italicized texts* silently in your heart as your own words.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P The feet of Christ which had walked the dusty roads of Galilee lay pierced in the darkened tomb.

C *Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.*

P The hands of Christ that had reached out to touch the sick and the lame to heal them and to hold the children to bless them, were folded quietly on his chest.

P The mouth of Christ, which had proclaimed the words of eternal life, was silenced and still.

C *He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.*

P The eyes of Christ, which could see both the suffering of people and the glory of God, were closed in death.

P The ears of Christ, which had heard the cries of the poor and suffering, were deaf to the sounds of the night.

C *He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.*

- P The heart of Christ, filled with love and compassion, lay empty and lifeless in his chest.
- P The blood of Christ, shed for the sins of the world, stained the linen cloth which wrapped him and bound him.
- C *He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.*
- P The body of Christ given as the true bread from heaven, which had been scourged and nailed to a cross, lay broken on the cold hard stone.
- P The body of Christ—given for you.
- C *He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be foremost.*

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 *God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

- L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- C ²*Let 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

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.

RESPONSE

P There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“The Risen Body of Christ”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

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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 FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray to the Lord.

C *Lord, have mercy.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray,
believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SOLO "Because He Lives"

Roger Strand

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

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“The Day of Resurrection!”

ELW #361

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW #449

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW #619

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love
may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN

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Jesus lives! Our prayer is heard that one body we may be,
Sanctified by God's true Word, one with him fore'er to be,
Living now with one accord as the Body of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord unite you and preserve you in the
risen body of Christ. The Lord strengthen you with the life of the resurrection
and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW #367

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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