



## EASTER LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

*Thank you for joining us for this celebration of Christ's resurrection!  
Circumstances have made VIRTUAL WORSHIP mandatory for the time  
being, yet our spirits are not bowed—for Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed!*

*We will celebrate Holy Communion today.*

*If you desire to participate in Holy Communion from your home,  
please set aside bread and wine (or grape juice) now,  
so you will be prepared, when the time comes,  
to share the Meal later in the service.*

*As Christ showed on Easter that not even death could not separate  
him from us, so we claim his true presence, real and tangible,  
in the bread and wine we share this morning.*

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

*Come Christians, Join and Sing*

James Jelasic

WELCOME

P Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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, whom with you and  
the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## + WORD +

PSALM 118 *Please join in singing the refrain.*

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



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1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever;  
let the house of Israel say; "His mercy endures forever." **Refrain**
2. The Lord's right hand has struck with pow'r, the Lord's right hand is exalted;  
I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. **Refrain**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes! **Refrain**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> Chapters

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

## GOSPEL: Matthew 27:62-28:10

<sup>27:62</sup> [The day after Jesus was crucified], the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered  
before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still  
alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore command that the tomb be made  
secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the  
people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than  
the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as  
you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

<sup>28:1</sup> After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ!

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Erik Kindem

## **SERMON**

Pastor Erik Kindem

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

### ***This Easter Celebration, verses 1-4***

TUNE: AURELIA

*Presbyterian pastor and lyricist the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has written new lyrics to the tune "The Church's One Foundation" that speaks to our experience this day.  
Our thanks to her for putting in words what many of us are feeling.*

1. This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.  
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.  
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.  
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.
2. No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.  
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?  
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place  
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.
3. Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room  
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.  
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—  
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

4. In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:  
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.  
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!  
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Uplifted by the promise of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Lord, in your mercy.

C **Hear our prayer.**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

- P With bold confidence in your love, we place all for whom we pray into your compassionate embrace; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

## + MEAL +

### THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### OFFERING

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### **PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

***Gather all who will be participating in the Holy Communion Meal, along with the bread and wine/grape juice you've set aside.***

***Place them in front of you, and choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time, following Pastor Kindem's leadership.***

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*That Easter Day*

Jon Lackey & James Jelastic

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Merciful God,

C **Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Have the elements for Holy Communion close at hand as we begin the communion liturgy.*

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, compassionate and vulnerable God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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!**

P Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief,  
and is known again in the breaking of the bread.  
Who on the night he was handed over to death,  
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: *(lift the bread)*

C **Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, *(lift the cup)*  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

C **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all  
for forgiveness and healing. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering therefore his salutary command, his lifegiving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Lover of all, not as we ought but as we are able; and we ask you to mercifully accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with your blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin and healing, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given your inheritance with all your saints.

C **To you, O Holy Trinity, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

P In Jesus we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P As we eat this bread and drink from this cup we remember others in our community and throughout the world with whom we share these gifts of God.  
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now, whether you are alone or in the company of others, giving thanks for these gifts of grace!  
Any elements remaining can become part of your midday meal this Easter Day.*

### COMMUNION SOLO

*Now the Silence*

Jon Lackey & James Jelasic

*Now the silence, Now the peace, Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling, Now the plea, Now the Father's arms in welcome  
Now the hearing, Now the pow'r, Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the body, Now the blood, Now the joyful celebration  
Now the wedding, Now the songs, Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation, Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing, Now – Now – Now*

## + SENDING +

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Life-giving God, you have fed us with this meal and our hearts burn within us.  
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.  
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

### BLESSING

- P Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed—Alleluia!**
- P Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Guide,  
raise you to newness of life, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*This Easter Celebration, verse 5*

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
TUNE: AURELIA

5. We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be  
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.  
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,  
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

### DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live the good news!
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*Alleluia, Jesus Lives!*

James Jelasic

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## HALLELUJAH CHORUS

*It is our Peace tradition to close Easter Worship by singing the Hallelujah Chorus.  
Since we are unable to be together physically this year,  
we invite you to join your voices and focus your joy by singing with  
[The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and Chorus](#).*



Look for livestream and/or recorded worship messages to continue throughout this season of social distancing. Follow us on our website: [www.PeaceLutheranSeattle.org](http://www.PeaceLutheranSeattle.org) and our Facebook Page: [People of Peace Lutheran Seattle](#).