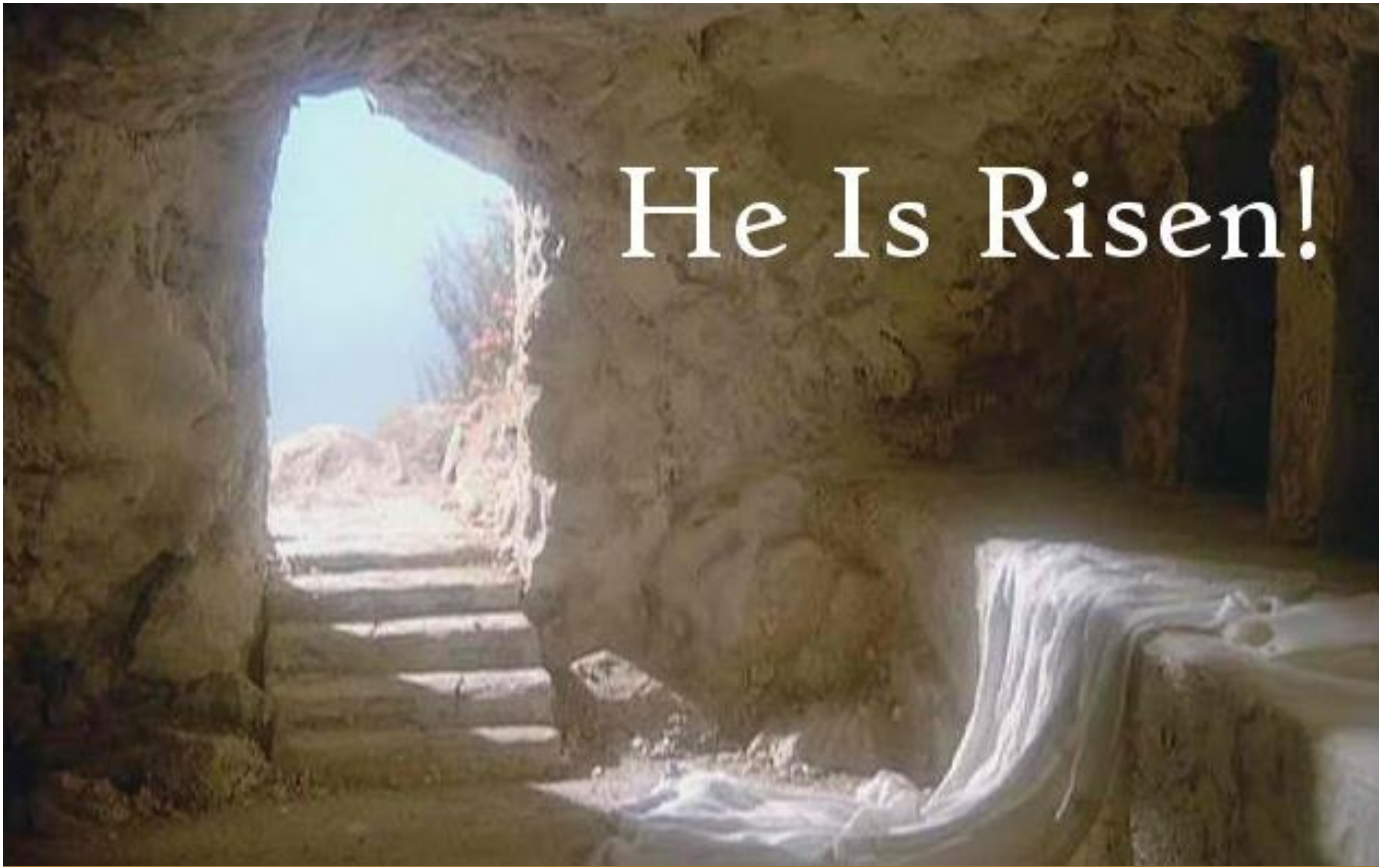


# EASTER LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



He Is Risen!

April 4, 2021

*Peace Lutheran Church*



*West Seattle, Washington*

***Thank you for joining us for this celebration of Christ's resurrection!  
While we cannot yet join together for in-person worship,  
our spirits are not bowed—for Christ is Risen!  
He is risen indeed!***

***We will celebrate a 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

*Concerto for Organ (excerpt)*

G.F. Handel  
Jon Lackey, organ

## WELCOME


P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

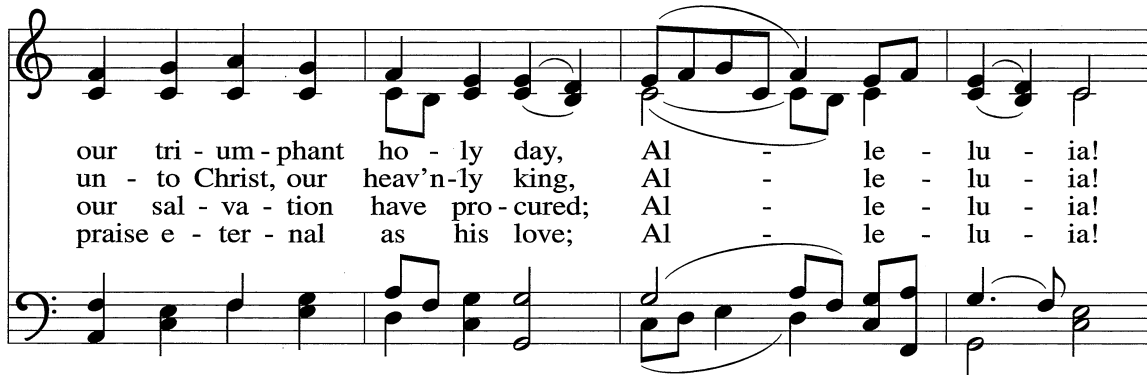
## GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

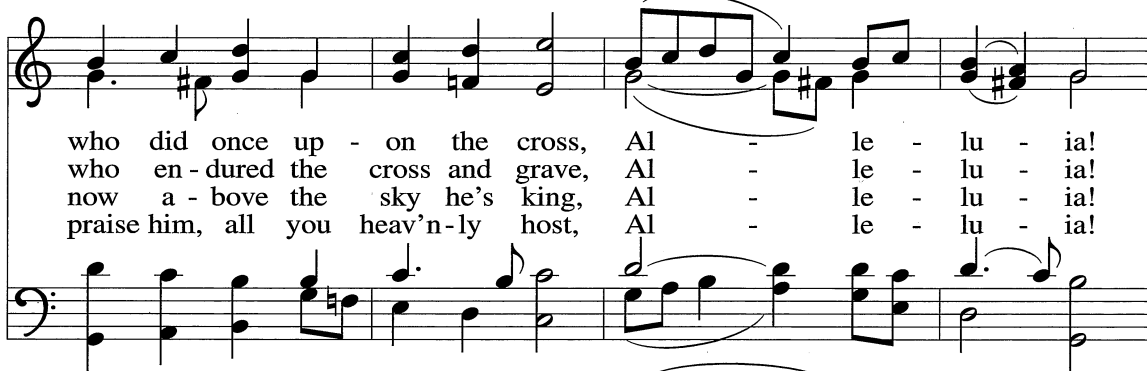
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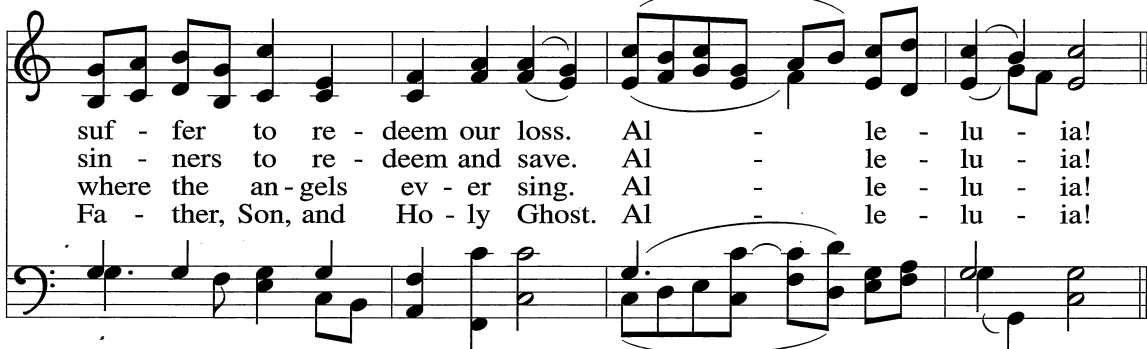
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; 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!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, 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!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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 +

### FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**L** The word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 118** *Please join in singing the refrain after each verse. (Verses are on following page.)*

Refrain



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



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



## GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced to women who came to the tomb to prepare his body, and their response is one of terror and amazement.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Erik Kindem

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*Petitions are offered that end with:*

A Thanks be to God.

C **We are free!**

*When all petitions have been offered:*

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

## + MEAL +

## THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Your gifts support the ongoing ministry of our congregation and ELCA ministries around the world. You can give an offering today by connecting to our secure [Tithely Giving Page](#).*

*Whatever size, your gift makes difference—thank you for your support!*

*As we prepare for Eucharist, now is the time to gather the elements you've set aside.  
Choose someone who will lift up the elements at the appropriate time,  
following Pastor Kindem's leadership.*

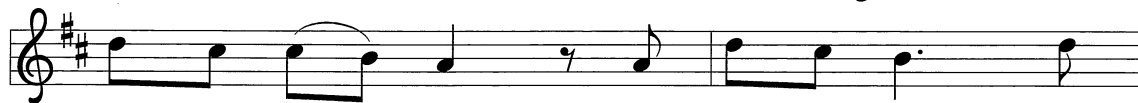
## OFFERTORY

*We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord*

ELW#690



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like  
2 What good and bless - ing you be - stow are  
3 Oh, make our bar - ren trees to grow, our



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and  
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the  
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.  
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.  
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of love,

**C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE 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.**

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 people  
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 Come now, disturbing Spirit of God,  
breathe on these bodily things and make us one body in Christ.

C **Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and name us here;  
touch and heal all that has been buried in us, that we need not cling to our pain,  
but may go forth with power to release resurrection in the world.**

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

C **Amen.**

### **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 The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Take the gifts of bread and wine/juice into your bodies now,  
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 Let us pray. 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 life may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**



## BLESSING

**P** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Christ.

The Sacred Trinity, Creator, + Redeemer, and Advocate, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

ELW #384

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!

## DISMISSAL

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## + HALLELUJAH CHORUS +

*In keeping with Peace tradition we close Easter Worship with the Hallelujah Chorus.*

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