

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 1, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“The Strife Is O’er”

—setting, Wilbur Held

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of ✝ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come

***Water may be poured into the font
as the minister gives thanks.***

We thank you, God,
**for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

**Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.**

You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

**You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.**

**In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.**

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

ELW # 366; *stanzas 1, 3, 5*

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909. Public Domain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

3

**The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!**

5

**Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,
from death's sting free your servants too,
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** first line sung by Leader

ELW, page 149-150

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal and all-merciful God,

with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!”

And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***EASTER HYMN**

“Thine is the Glory” ELW # 376

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939; Public Domain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;**

**Let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting!**

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

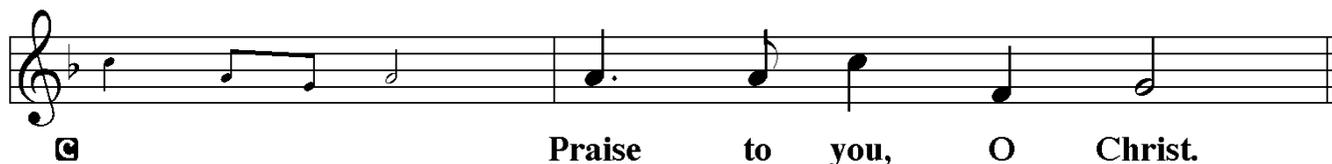
**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;**

**Make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through
Jordan to thy home above.**

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY “In the Middle of the Ordinary”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY**

“Day of Arising”

ELW # 374

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1

**Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
Unknown companion walks
With his own.**

**When they invite him,
As fades the first day,
And bread is broken,
Christ is made known.**

2

**When we are walking,
Doubtful and dreading,
Blinded by sadness,
Slowness of heart,**

**Yet Christ walks with us,
Ever awaiting
Our invitation:
Stay, do not part.**

**3
Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
This is Christ's sign:**

**When the church gathers,
When bread is broken,
There Christ is with us
In bread and wine.**

**4
Christ, our companion,
Hope for the journey,
Bread of compassion,
Open our eyes.**

**Grant us your vision,
Set all hearts burning
That all creation
With you may rise.**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 Pilate,
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 INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guatemala prayer.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of friendships, we give you thanks for the many years that we have been in relationship with the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala. As we reengage with one another through stories, greetings, and visits, bless our words and actions, our hospitality and humility, our eyes to witness and our ears to hear how you are already blessing and empowering our siblings in Guatemala. God in your mercy, hear our prayers.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“We Walk By Faith”

–Lloyd Larson

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*We walk by faith, and not by sight.
No gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.*

*We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
and may we know Your pow'r and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near,
and seek where You are found:*

*That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
with full and endless sight.*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
and may we know Your pow'r and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

*We walk by faith and not by sight,
led by God's pure and holy Light!
Prepare us for the journey, Lord,
and may we know Your pow'r and might,
As we walk by faith and not by sight.
As we walk by faith and not by sight.*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

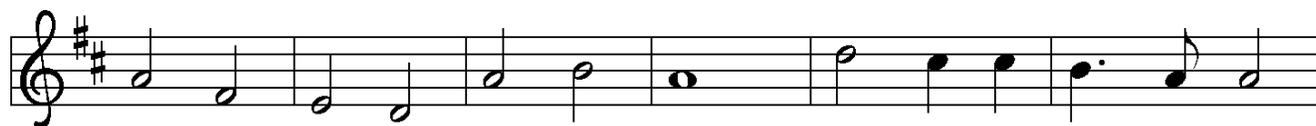
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our calling and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
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:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

LAMB OF GOD

ELW, page 112



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW # 384

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Public Domain

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

COMMUNION SONG

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt .Public Domain

ELW # 373

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high;
*sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.***

**Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
*where your victory, O grave?***

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now:
hail, the resurrection, thou!**

**King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
*thus to sing, and thus to love!***

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

The Day of Resurrection!

ELW # 361; *stanzas 1 & 3*

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Public Domain

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.**

**From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.

Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Christ Is Arisen”

–setting, Anton Wilhelm Leupold

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ



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