

**A Service of Holy Communion for  
the Resurrection of Our Lord:**

**Easter Day**

10 a.m. Prelude Music & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Sunday, April 20, 2025 | *Year C*



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**PRELUDE** *Please see the insert for titles and musicians.*

## **GATHERING**

### **BELL AND WELCOME**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

### **APOSTOLIC 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.**

**EASTER MORNING LITANY** *St. Hippolytus of Rome* (2nd century)

Christ is risen: **the world below lies desolate.**

Christ is risen: **the spirits of evil are fallen.**

Christ is risen: **the angels of God are rejoicing.**

Christ is risen: **the tombs of the dead are empty.**

Christ is risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers.

**Glory and power are Christ’s forever and ever.**  
**Amen, Alleluia!**

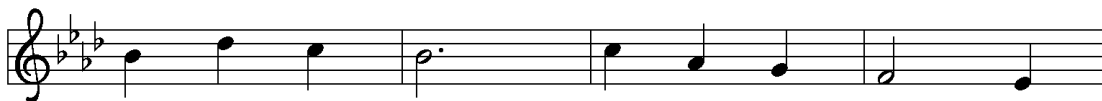
# HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 377 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

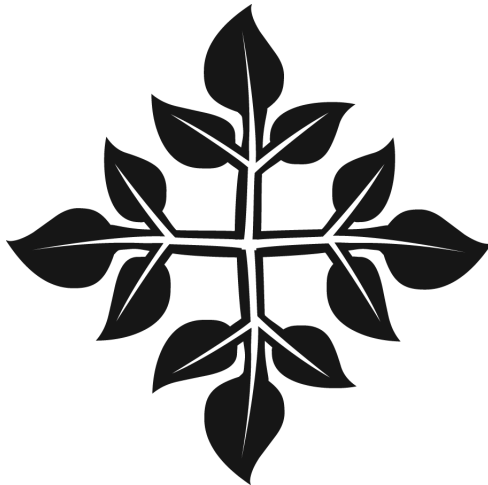
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## WORD

### **FIRST READING** Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>“Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** “Sing to the Mountains” — Text: Psalm 118 paraphrase;  
setting: Robert J. Dufford, (b. 1954), St. Louis Jesuits; *sung by the choir*

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW 172 (*sung 3 times*)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -'. The second staff contains '- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -'. The third staff contains 'lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The music ends with a double bar line.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

**GOSPEL** Luke 24:1–12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son-of-Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then the women remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to the apostles an idle tale, and they did not believe the women. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW 172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”  
(*sung 1 time, see previous page*)

**SERMON** *Carrie Ballenger*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father,  
through whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human; who, for our sake,  
was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
suffered death and was buried;  
on the third day rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
who will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead;  
and whose kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, we sing Alleluia with the fullness of hearts. Love is stronger than Death! **Amen, Alleluia!**

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, in the midst of our singing and shouting, we know there are those who are bewildered and sad. O God, we pray for those that have no hope, for those who suffer from depression, loneliness, and fear. Reveal to all the Good News: Love is stronger than Death! **Amen, Alleluia!**

O God, we pray for those places and peoples in our world where death and domination rule, where imperial powers ignore the poor, where war never ends, where children are hungry, where parents grieve because they cannot provide, where accidents happen and death abounds senselessly. We pray for those held hostage to addiction and chronic illness. We pray especially for those on our prayer list today... To those who suffer, reveal the Good News: Love is stronger than Death! **Amen, Alleluia!**

O God, in the joy and hope of this Easter morning, we realize the depth and breadth of what it means to be your Easter people. We remember that we are the ones called to go into the world to work for justice and life for all in your Creation. It is up to us to bear witness to the promise of resurrection, to hold those in despair, and believe for them, that Love is stronger than death. **Amen, Alleluia!**

For what else shall we pray?

*The community is invited to add prayers, either aloud or in the Zoom chat box to be read aloud.*

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, O God, give us the courage to bear your living Love in every corner of our lives, so that your peaceable realm will be so, here at UniLu, here in this land, here in our families, here in our lives, here on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray: **Amen, Alleluia!**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Surrexit Christus” — Text: Anonymous, 14th century, Setting: Lajos Bárdos (1899–1986)

*Translation:*

Christ is risen today — Praise be to God, Alleluia!  
For the comfort of all people. Praise be to God, Alleluia!  
He suffered death the day before. Praise be to God, Alleluia!  
He suffered for us all. Praise be to God, Alleluia!  
Rejoice in this Easter Day. Praise be to God, Alleluia!  
Let us give thanks to God. Praise be to God, Alleluia!

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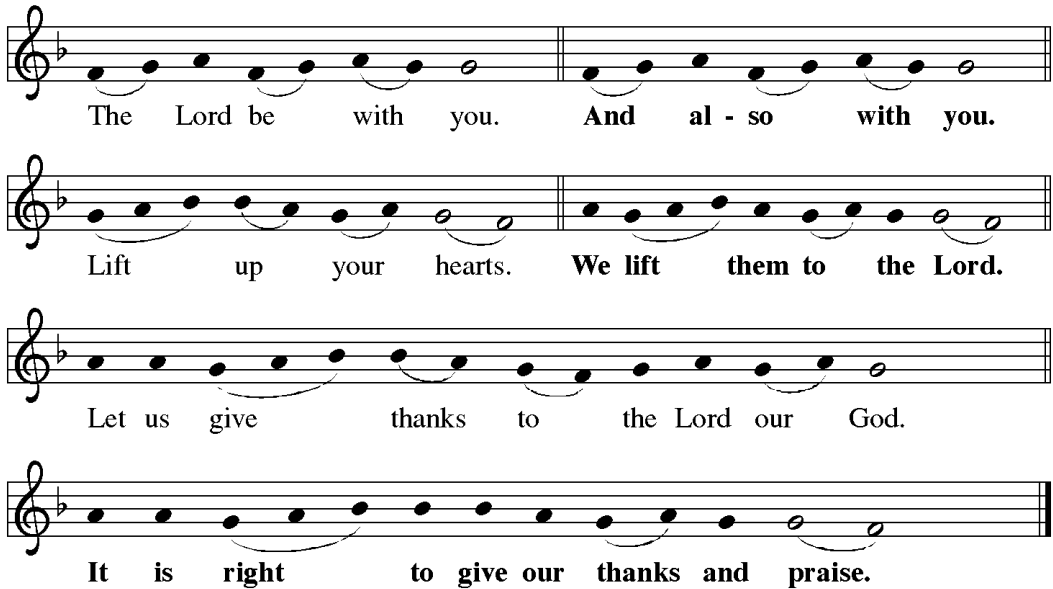
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sung once in Spanish and once in English:*



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to - e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The thanksgiving may include this acclamation:*

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

*The thanksgiving concludes:*

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*In the Bible, Jesus often speaks of God as “Abba,” Father, reflecting a profound intimacy with the creator of all worlds. Here, we extend that intimacy to name God as our Mother.*

Friends, it gladdens the heart of Jesus when we pray:

**God our Mother, God 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 RECEIVE AND SHARE COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*For those worshipping via Zoom, individuals may commune themselves and households may serve one another with the same words.*

## **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

ELW 479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 493 “Taste and See”

ELW 379 “Now the Green Blade Rises”

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** ELW 376 “Thine Is the Glory”

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** “All His Mercies Shall Endure” (from *The Occasional Oratorio*, HWV 62) — George Frederick Handel (1685–1759), arranged by Robert S. Wallace

### SERVING TODAY

*Preacher and Presiding Minister:* Carrie Ballenger; *Assisting Minister:* Laurel Oberstadt-Petrik; *Reader:* Chris Porter; *Intercessor:* David Hoglund; *Musicians:* the UniLu Brass Ensemble (James Milner, *trumpet*; Karen Sudbey, *trumpet*; Bob Berens, *horn*; Rick Ong, *trombone*; Laura Tracey, *tuba*), Imogene Stulken, Lorraine Fitzmaurice, and the UniLu Choir; *Hospitality:* Nathaniel Fasman, Emma Morgan, Laurel Oberstadt-Petrik, and Amanda Wiederoder.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE are asked for:**

Cheri Agaskar — UniLu member  
David Bailey — friend of Gail Bucher  
Ellen Bartlett — sister of Gail Bucher  
Margrit Betke — UniLu member  
Lorraine and Roland Blanchard — friends of Gail Bucher  
Ed Bucher — UniLu member  
Alice Conway — sister of Karin Kutrieb  
Solveig Ericson — UniLu member  
Bob Flannery — UniLu member  
Barbara Frank — mother-in-law of Anne Howarth  
George Gordon — UniLu member  
Nancy Gould — UniLu member  
Family and friends mourning the death of Vera Ryen Gregg  
Charles Jaferian — grandson of Nancy Gould  
Jorge G. Miranda — friend of Ricardo A. Pulgar  
Karen Nichols — UniLu member  
Duncan McCoy Norton — son of Megan McCoy  
Anne Minton — colleague of Imogene Stulken  
The Ralston-Lamb family — UniLu members  
Jeanette Searson — sister of Imogene Stulken  
Judy Steele — sister of Phyllis Steele

For our siblings at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge and their pastor,  
Robin Lutjohann.

For our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the  
Holy Land, including the staff of Augusta Victoria Hospital on the Mount  
of Olives and all those for whom they provide care.

For our Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian siblings around the  
world celebrating Easter.

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we remember the peoples of Belarus,  
Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

For all who are seeking refuge, who are facing immigration challenges,  
who have been deported to homes that are not home, and who have been  
separated from their families.

*(revised 4/14/2025)*

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Carrie Ballenger, *Pastor*

Gracious Moyo, *Associate Pastor*

Laurel Oberstadt-Petrik, *Ministry Intern*

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Lorraine Fitzmaurice, *Music Director—Choir / Building Manager*

Imogene Stulken, *Music Director—Organ*

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