

2nd Sunday of Easter



St Peter's Lutheran Church
April 16, 2023

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Gathering

Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



Prepare now to give thanks to God: Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *or* use the QR code *or* download the Vanco Mobile app on your smart phone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

We are here because God wants to be with us in a special way.
We are here because we want to be with God and with others who belong to God.
We are here because others need us to be here with them.
We are here because God has called us together.
We are holy people in the holy presence of God.
Let us prepare ourselves to be raised from the dead!

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

In the Name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Lord Jesus, you defeated the powers of evil and death. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess letting fear of sin and death rob us of joy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to give us hope and life. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to proclaim this good news to others. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you breathe your Holy Spirit onto us, giving us your peace. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us our sins and bring us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord **✝** Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Kyrie *The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.*

Kyrie

The musical score is written for three voices: Soprano (top staff), Alto (middle staff), and Tenor (bottom staff). It consists of two main sections: "Leader" and "Assembly".

Leader Section:

- Soprano: Lord, have mer - cy.
- Alto: Christ, have mer - cy.
- Tenor: Lord, have mer - cy.

Assembly Section:

- Soprano: Lord, have mer - cy.
- Alto: Christ, have mer - cy.
- Tenor: Lord, have mer - cy.

The music is in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with each voice part having its own line of music. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Music: Plainsong

**Hymn
Of
Praise**
#132
Green

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst his pris-on,
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
4 For to-day a-mong the twelve Christ ap-peared, be-stow-ing
5 Al-le-lu-ia! Now we cry to our King im-mor-tal,

God has brought his Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris-en;
with the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren-der;
his deep peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.
who, tri-um-phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal.

loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
all the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
comes to glad-den faith-ful hearts which with true af-fec-tion
Neith-er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,
Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!



led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDI:AMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

God engages us in holy conversation – speaking and listening.

Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God's voice in the words spoken to us.

Let us celebrate new life by putting God's Word into action.

First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue

rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Second Reading — 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from 1 Peter

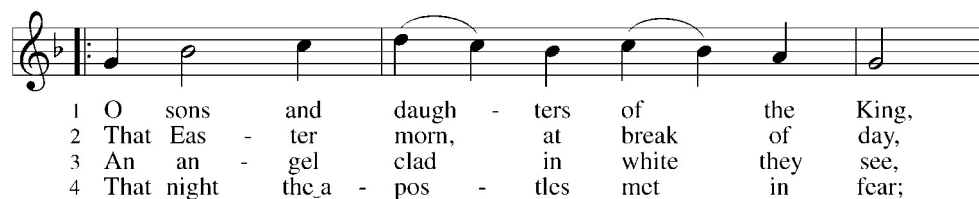
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to

suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn
#139
Green
Stzs. 1-4

O Sons and Daughters of the King



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My

grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

After stanza 9:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel — John 20:19-31

The Gospel According to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the

mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

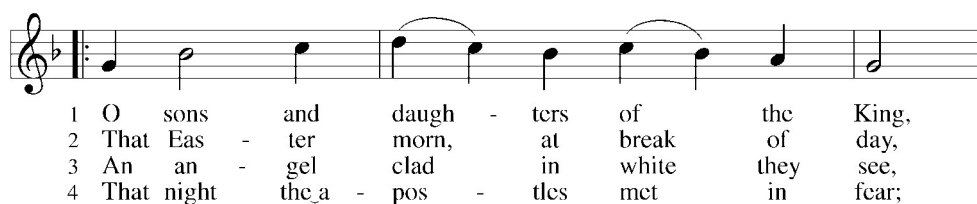
The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

**Hymn
Of the
Day**
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The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

O Sons and Daughters of the King



After stanza 9:



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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!</p> <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!</p> <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!</p> <p>9 On this most holy day of days,
be laud and jubilee and praise:
to God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia!</p> |
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Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith.

C: 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 him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his 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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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**

Prayer of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, refresh our weary world with the good news of your Son's resurrection. With the women at the tomb, empower your church to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, so give life to your church, that we may share your forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Nourish the earth with sufficient rain. Give us courage to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Prepare us to be your disciples by calming our fears and granting us your peace. Give us a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, so that our life reflects your love. Hear us,

O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief, especially those we name now..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence on our journeys. Open our hearts to understand your Word and open our eyes to see you in the breaking of bread. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

God of life, raise us from death every day. Accept our thanks for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love, especially Dave Apple. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises until the day of our final resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal Father; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING – WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website www.stpeterslutheranyork.com Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.

The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet.

Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Lord Jesus. In the pouring of this cup, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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

C 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. The mystery of faith:

C: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and cup; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**C: 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**

Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ;
when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

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.

Distribution

The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond...

C: Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **C: Amen**

Sending Hymn

#675
Blue

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found;
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Community Meal — Sunday, MAY 14, 11:00-12:30 PM — St. Peter's

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OFFERING

General \$ 3,900.00	Community Meal \$ 35.00
Lent \$ 195.00	HVAC \$ 95.00
Easter \$ 1870.00	Capital Improvement \$ 40.00
Memorial Fund \$ 25.00	Masonry \$ 40.00
Youth \$ 20.00	

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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