

Easter 2 Sunday, April 19, 2020

Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)

~Prelude

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 155, #65)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the holy Gospel, and have instituted the holy Sacraments, that though these we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~ Hymn 366, vv. 1-4 *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

1. *Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3. *An angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. *On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

4. *That night th'Apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison

(ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Gloria in Excelsis Deo

(ELH p. 44)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~Salutation — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 155 #64)

P: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~Old Testament Lesson

Job 19:25-27 As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.
Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.
I myself will see him.
My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger.
My emotions are in turmoil within me.

~Men's Choir "Love Is Come Again"

(French Carol)

1. Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid him. Love whom men had slain. Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain. He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy Word can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, Like wheat that springeth green.

~Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:4-12 Because everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. In fact, there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three are one.

If we accept the testimony of people, God's testimony is even greater, because it is the testimony that God gave about his Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in him, but the one who does not believe has made God out to be a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God gave about his Son. This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

~Apostles' Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~Hymn 366, vv. 5-8 *When Thomas Afterwards Had Heard*

5. *When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

6. *"Thomas, behold My side," saith He,
"My hands, My feet, My body, see;
And doubt not, but believe in Me."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

7. *No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

8. *Blesséd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text

John 20:24-31 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

~Sermon Message

"We Have What Faith Needs: God's Word"

~Hymn 483, vv. 7, 8 *Naught Shall My Soul From Jesus Sever*

7. *Naught shall my soul from Jesus sever;
In faith I touch His wounded side
And hail Him as my Lord forever.
Nor life nor death shall us divide.
(Refrain)*

8. *Once in the blest baptismal waters
I put on Christ and made Him mine;
Now numbered with God's sons and
daughters, I share His peace and love
divine. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.*

~The Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; Mt 6:9-13)

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.

~Collect — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 58, II)

P: We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Closing Hymn 73 *Thine Is The Glory*

1. *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 graveclothes
Where Thy body lay.
(Refrain)*

2. *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!
(Refrain)*

3. *Faith's hand doth touch 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 through death's portals
To Thy home above.
(Refrain)*

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Thine is the glory,
Risen conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!*

~Closing Prayer

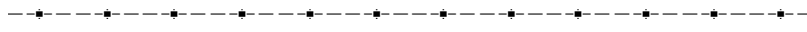
(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Postlude

*(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)*

*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Dennis Marzolf / Trumpet: Daniel Neubauer*



Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$23,900.36 (includes on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 4/16/20): \$63,656.

Romans 12: 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.

Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we have moved to providing DIGITAL WORSHIP SERVICES. You can find these on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.

Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.

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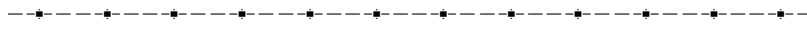
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Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Jim & Connie Gullixson.

