

THE STORY



Living Praise Celebration
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The Story: “New Beginnings” (Centered in the Risen Jesus)

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” LSB 493

A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le -
O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges
Refrain
trod, run, As - cends un - to the throne of God. Al - le -
With Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

WELCOME AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Easter Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Pastor: This is the Easter Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thank You for giving us Your Good News!

SERMON

EASTER PROFESSION OF FAITH *(Based on 1 Corinthians 15)*

All: 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 and born of the Virgin Mary. As of first importance Christ also died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve and after that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time. He ascended into heaven and will come again to gather the harvest as He is the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All: Risen Lord Jesus, we have received the good news of Easter, been covered in your Holy Spirit's power, and made witnesses of your resurrection. Forgive us, then, for living as if Easter was no news at all, for acting as if sin and death holds all power, and for bearing no witness to what we have seen and heard in you. Instead, renew and shape us as your community of life and grace. Grant that through our witness to you, in word and deed, we might enjoy the favor of all people and that you might add to the number of those who are being saved. Amen.

PRAYERS

LORDS PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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