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OUTDOOR AND LIVESTREAM

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Saint Marks Lutheran Church, Hacienda Heights

Please click on any of the following links on Sunday at 6:30 A.M. to view the service live: <https://stmarkshh.com> (Website).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMSQcTr13l0> (YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/St.MarksLCHH> (Facebook page)

NEW APP (st mark's lutheran church hh)

You can also watch it later at these sites above as well.

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine

SOLOIST: Leilani Rodriguez

LECTOR: Kim Winn
*CONGREGATION READS

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

We invite you to join us in Holy Communion – know that all who trust in Jesus and are ready may receive communion. Please be sure to have a communion kit ready or for those watching online have bread/cracker and wine/juice ready.

We would also ask that you would complete the Connect Card that you received with this bulletin if in-person or go to this link online: [St. Mark's Lutheran Church – Connect Card \(stmarkshh.com\)](https://stmarkshh.com)

PRELUDE Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – Keesecker

GATHERING AT THE FIRE AND UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

Friends in Christ, we unveil the cross this morning as we gather around this fire to prepare for the celebration of the eternal light of the world overcome being extinguished and burst forth once more to shine. In prayer and song we recall the great story of faith. By water and the Spirit we renew our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. By bread and wine, we nourish our spirit with your presence and love.

Bless now this fire and all that are gathering here in person and around the world online. Help them experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Resurrection of Jesus this morning and each day of their lives as we now share in the Easter proclamation.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Christ is Risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
(repeat all 2 more times)

(Those gathering at the fire will process behind the cross.)

HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW 365)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LITANY FOR EASTER

In the name of God, our Creator, in the name of Jesus our Savior, and in the name of the Spirit, our Comforter, we have come to worship the Lord. Amen

Leader: Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ.

People: Trembling, we approach the edge of where death and life meet. Death, the unknown, meets new life, also unknown. New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties. We approach, trembling.

Leader: Easter morning: the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they were struck with awe as life was returned to them from death.

People: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

Leader: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all, and love which conquers all fear.

People: Death is shattered! The disciples stared death face to face, and saw that it had lost its power.

Leader: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life. God promises are made and they are kept!

All: Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God promises are kept! God is with us. Alleluia!

EASTER PRAYER

Let us Pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Help us die each day to sin, so that we live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection. We pray this through Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives and leads with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE I Know That My Redeemer Live (ELW 619)
Stanza 1, 2, 8

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

READING Acts 10:34–43

34Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not 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. 42He 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. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

SOLO In the Fair Morning – Sedio

GOSPEL Mark 16:1–8

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man,

dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Jim Mericle

HYMN OF DAY Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (ELW 373)
Stanza 1-4

- 1 "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.
- 2 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.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

*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 THE PEOPLE

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Reply

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the "Alleluia!" morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. Receive these gifts as a thanksgiving for bringing us through and as we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)
Stanza 1–3

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

*Thanks be to God.

And all God's people said,

*Amen

POSTLUDE Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia – Keesecker

PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: Johanna Locke, Rosie Scott, Kenna Dutil–Baker (Francoise's daughter), Rubi Thomas (Irv's sister–in–law) broken leg, Francoise Dutil (back injury), Vernon Weigand, Baby Felix (son of Elizabeth Batres & Trevor Duran)

ILLNESS: Helena Peidrahita (Adriana Garrett's mother), Rev. Anne Whitfield, Connie Rasmussen (Joan Locke's mother) stroke

SAFETY & HEALTH: Health care workers and families affected by COVID.

TREATMENTS: Jamie (John Guerriero's nephew), Tony Hernandez (Michael's brother) cancer, Nancy Richardson (Diana Hernandez's friend) cancer, Preslee Durston (Christine Birtja's niece) leukemia treatments, Bob Mericle – cancer (Pastor Mericle's father)

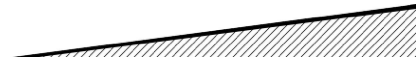
RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Nancy Carnehl (Janna Barnhart's friend) lung lobe removed due to cancer, Denise Thomas– knee surgery, Lance Maters (friend of Pastor Mericle) major hip surgery

HOSPICE: Virginia Gussler (Sunny O'Hara's mother–in–law), Julio Collosi, Faye Heinrich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.

The Monitor will come out the second week on April.



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