



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Easter Sunrise Service

April 16, 2017

Opening Hymn

CW 163 verses 1-2, "*Welcome Happy Morning*"

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"

Lo, the Dead is living, God forevermore!

Him their true Creator, All his works adore.

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"

Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,
God from heav'n beholding Human nature's fall,

Of the Father's Godhead You, the only Son,

Mankind to deliver Manhood did put on.

"Welcome, happy morning!" Age to age shall say;

"Hell today is vanquished; Heav'n is won today!"

Greeting and Invocation

Pastor/Congregation

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer;

C: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

P: I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise;

C: I am saved from my enemies.

P: The cords of death entangled me, the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;

C: I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice.

P: He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of the deep waters;

C: He rescued me from my powerful enemy.

P: The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!
C: **He is the God who avenges me, who saves me from my enemies.**

P: Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O Lord;
C: **I will forever sing praises to your name.**

Hymn CW 163 verses 3-4, “Welcome Happy Morning”

He, of life the author, Death did undergo,
Trode the path of darkness, Saving strength to show.
Come, then, True and Faithful, Now fulfill your word;
This is your third morning – Rise, O buried Lord.
“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Free the souls long prisoned, Bound with Satan’s chain;
All that now is fallen Raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness; Shine in ev’ry land
As in Eden’s garden When the world began.
“Welcome, happy morning!” Age to age shall say;
“Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

Confession and Absolution

P: 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 his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. I wait for you, O LORD; you will answer, O Lord my God. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.**

P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning!

Joyful Response

The soloist will sing the refrain the first time through. The congregation will then repeat the refrain and join in singing it each time it occurs. The soloist will sing the Psalm verses.

IN THE MORNING I WILL SING

Psalm 63

Marty Haugen

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and joyful, with lyrics written below the notes.

In the morn- ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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*O God you are my God, for you I long; For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

Refrain

*For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled
as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

Refrain

*On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

Refrain

First Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

*The risen Christ has become our salvation, for he is our **Joy** and delight.*

In that day you will say: “I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: “Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

HymnCW 154 verses 1-2, “*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*”

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Verse 1: Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of creation.
Refrain

Verse 2: Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

*The risen Christ is our certainty of eternal glory, in him we find **Joy** and victory.*

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HymnCW 154 verses 3-5, “*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*”

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Verse 3: We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.
Refrain

Verse 4: God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
Life eternal for all who believe.
Refrain

Verse 5: Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Refrain

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

*With the news of Christ’s resurrection, the angel replaced the women’s sorrow with great **Joy**.*

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

HymnCW 152, “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*”

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!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Sermon

Matthew 28:5-8

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy.

"The Joy of Easter"

Pastor Matthew Guse

Sermon Response

Hymn

CW 166, "The Day of Resurrection"

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From this world to the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful; let earth her song begin.
Let all the world keep triumph and all that is there in.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen; *our Joy shall have no end!*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

CW page 126, Responsive Prayer for Easter

Hymn

CW 141 verses 1-3, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter Blessing

It is our risen Lord who said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." (*Revelation 1:17-18*). May we rejoice this day that our Savior has conquered death. He has destroyed the powers of hell. He has arisen and set his people free!

May the love of our risen Lord fill your hearts with hope.
May the certainty of his resurrection fill your souls with **Joy** and peace.
May the power of our risen Lord fill your lives. Alleluia and Amen!

Hymn

CW 141 verses 4-5, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Easter triumph, **Easter Joy!**
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!



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