

Welcome
to the Kingdom!

Revelation 1:4-18



SINGING A NEW SONG OF
PRAISE
TO OUR RISEN KING!

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 24, 2022 - 11:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping at Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

SINGING A NEW SONG

No, this is not a recruitment for more musicians at RLC (though if you are musical, contact Bob Unger or Chris Reed). This is our new sermon series for the season of Easter. Christ is risen! And that is reason to "sing praises" to God in all that we do! The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the heavenly Kingdom where all believers will sing a new song of praise to the risen Lamb, Jesus! As people of the heavenly Kingdom dwelling here below, we have the new song now. So we sing! But it's not just the vocal singing in worship, it is the way we live our lives for our risen King as we live out our worship of Him every day.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the LORD be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Opening Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, LORD,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You

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Open the eyes of my heart, LORD,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory;
pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness, therefore You are feared.**

Confession of Sins

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
C **We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
For the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen! Thanks be to God.**

Song of Praise

God With Us

Who are we,
that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see
that's worth looking our way?

We are free
in ways that we never should be
Sweet release
from the grip of these chains

Like hinges straining from the weight,
my heart no longer can keep from singing

All that is within me cries
for You alone; be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song;
the debt is paid, these chains are gone!
Emmanuel, God with us!

LORD, You know
our hearts don't deserve Your glory;
still You show
a love we cannot afford

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my heart no longer can keep from singing

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for You alone; be glorified
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Such a tiny offering
compared to Calvary;
nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet
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Old Testament

Acts 5: 12-20 (ESV)

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and, filled with jealousy, they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an Angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Revelation 1: 4-18 (ESV)

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come, and from the seven spirits who are before His Throne, and from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His Blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen. "I Am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come, the Almighty." I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His Chest. The hairs of His Head were white, like white wool, like snow. His Eyes were like a flame of fire, His Feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His Voice was like the roar of many waters. In His Right Hand He held seven stars, from His Mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His Face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw Him, I fell at His Feet as though dead. But He laid His Right Hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I Am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I died, and behold I Am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His Hands and His Side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I Am sending you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His Hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His Side, I will never believe." Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My Hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My Side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have Life in His Name.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Song of the Day

Hallelujah - Your Love Is Amazing

Your love is amazing,
steady and unchanging,
Your love is a mountain
firm beneath my feet;
Your love is a myst'ry -

how You gently lift me
when I am surrounded,
Your love carries me

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising,
I can feel it rising -
all the joy that's growing
deep inside of me;

Ev'ry time I see You,
all Your goodness shines through;
I can feel this God-song
rising up in me:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing

Yes, You make me sing,
Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing;
How You make me sing...

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
Your love makes me sing

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The Message

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Faith Statement of Cameron Brake and Lexi Smith

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

