

Let's Go Home

Revelation 21:1-7



SINGING A NEW SONG OF
PRAISE
TO OUR RISEN KING!

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022 - 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with 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!

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

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.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Rejoice, The Lord Is King! – arr. K. McChesney

Heavenly Handbells

WELCOME

❖ **INVOCATION**

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

P 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 Christ has risen from the dead
C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. *(Matthew 28:7)*



HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822

1. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
To God the Father let us bring
Our songs of adoration.
To Him through everlasting days
Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,
Whose hand sustains creation.
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory.
2. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Lamb of God we sing,
In whom we are elected.
He bought His Church with His own blood,
He cleansed her in that blessed flood,
And as His bride selected.
Holy, holy Is our union And communion.
His befriending Gives us joy and peace unending.
3. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto the Holy Ghost we sing
For our regeneration.
The saving faith in us He wrought
And us unto the Bridegroom brought,
Made us His chosen nation.
Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal;
There is manna And an endless, glad hosanna.

4. Alleluia! Let praises ring!
 Unto our triune God we sing;
 Blest be His name forever!
 With angel hosts let us adore
 And sing His praises evermore
 For all His grace and favor!
 Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
 Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!

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❖ 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.**
 C **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.
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.

❖ ABSOLUTION

John 20:21-23

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 therefore 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!**



HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast – arr. R. Hillert

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength
And honor and blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**4. Blessing, honor, glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**5. For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun His reign. Alleluia. Refrain**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of your faithful to be of one will.

C Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may remain where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18 [ESV]

(God shows the believers that His Will for all to be saved includes the Gentiles.)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the Word of God.

So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

But Peter began and explained it to them in order:

“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from Heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.

Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.

And I heard a Voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’

But I said,

‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

But the voice answered a second time from Heaven,

‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’

This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into Heaven.

And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.

And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction.

These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say,

‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the Word of the Lord, how He said,

‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

If then God gave the same Gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ,

who was I that I could stand in God's Way?”

When they heard these things they fell silent.

And they glorified God, saying,

“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to Life.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1-7 [ESV]

(The Lord is our God and we are His people.)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem,
coming down out of Heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the Throne
saying,

“Behold, the Dwelling Place of God is
with man.

He will dwell with them, and they will be
His people, and God Himself will be with
them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their
eyes, and death shall be no more, neither
shall there be mourning, nor crying,

nor pain anymore, for the former things
have passed away.”

And He Who was seated on the Throne
said,

“Behold, I Am making all things new.”

Also He said,

“Write this down, for these words are
trustworthy and true.”

And He said to me,

“It is done!

I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End.

To the thirsty I will give from the spring
of the water of Life without payment.

The one who conquers will have this
heritage, and I will be his God and he will
be My son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

❖ HOLY GOSPEL WITH ACCLAMATIONS

John 16:12-22 [ESV]

(Jesus commands us to love one another.)

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.

He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

“A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me.”

So some of His disciples said to one another,

“What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

So they were saying,

“What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them,

“Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying,

‘A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me’?

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice.

You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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SERMON

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Blessing – P. McKlveen

Heavenly Handbells

❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Praise belongs to You, O Father, for not only have You created the heavens and the earth and all things in them, and continue to supply us with what we need for life,

C You continue to watch over us as a father watches over his children.

P Protect us by Your Might.

C Give Your angels charge over us to minister to us in our every need.

P Praise belongs to You, O Christ, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End; we are thirsty for the help and healing that You alone can bring.

C Refresh us always with Your Water of Life as we remember our Baptism when we were made part of Your Family.

P Praise belongs to You, O Spirit, sent by the Son from Heaven above.

C Work in and through us, that in all our activities, thoughts, and words we would bring glory and honor to Jesus.

P Give the leaders of our nation, including our legislators and judges, wisdom to know and to do what is right, just, and fair.

C Guide Your Church pastors, teachers, and leaders that Your Kingdom would not be hindered in any way but that Your Hand of Blessing would always rest upon us.

P Empower our witness in our homes, work places, communities, and nation, that in every place and in every time the Name of the Lord would be praised. Lord, in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **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.
For Thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

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