

Let's Go Home

Revelation 21:1-7



SINGING A NEW SONG OF
PRAISE
TO OUR RISEN KING!

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 – 11:00 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.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P As Christ Jesus has shared His peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with one another.
The peace of the LORD be with you!

C And also with you!

Opening Song

Our God Saves

In the name of the Father,
in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Spirit,
Lord, we come

We're gather'd together
to lift up Your name,
to call on our Savior,
to fall on Your grace

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Hear the joyful sound
of our offering,
as Your saints bow down,
as Your people sing,
we will rise with You,
lifted on Your wings,
and the world will see that

Our God saves,
our God saves,
there is hope
in Your name;
Mourning turns
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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 Let every created thing give praise to the Lord.

C **He has made His people strong. Praise the Lord.**

Confession of Sins

P Creator of all things in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, we praise You because You are the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.

C **We, however, are flawed and finite. Because of our sinful nature, we are weak while You are strong.**

P Because of the sin and evil so prevalent in our world, there is death and sorrow in our lives.

C **Because of our sin and the evil we have done against You, Heavenly Father, there is death and sorrow in our lives.**

P Hear our confession as we admit before You the sin and evil of our lives.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life, for the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross. Amen.**

Good News of Forgiveness

P Hear the words of Jesus Who sits on the Throne: "Look, I am making everything new." On the cross He paid the penalty for your evil and sin. By the power of His resurrection victory He makes all things new. To you He gives freely from the springs of the water of Life.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, In the Name of Jesus 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! Praise to the One who is the Beginning and the End, for He has made His people strong. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this,
what you require of me:
love my neighbor as myself
and You above all things

Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God;
in all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God

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It all comes down to this:
to be Your hands and feet,
Good News to all the world,
the truth will set us free!

Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with You, God;
in all things, in all ways,
walk humbly with You, God

It's beauty for ashes,
it's mourning to dancing,
it's closer and closer,
the Kingdom of heaven

It's beauty for ashes,
it's mourning to dancing,
it's closer and closer,
the Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see
the fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed,
the only way it grows:

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walk humbly with You, God;
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First Reading

Acts 11:1-18 [ESV]

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7 [ESV]

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.”

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The Holy Gospel

John 16: 21-22 [ESV]

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

C **Glory 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'?" 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Children's Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Song of the Day

Praise Adonai

Who is like Him,
the Lion and the Lamb?
Seated on the throne,
mountains bow down;
ev'ry ocean roars
to the LORD of hosts:

Praise Adonai
from the rising
of the sun
'til the end
of every day;
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The Message

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The Apostles Creed

**C 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,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

C He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
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.

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

Benediction

Closing Song

I Walk By Faith

I walk by faith,
each step by faith
To live by faith
I put my trust in You

I walk by faith,
each step by faith
To live by faith
I put my trust in You

Ev'ry step I take
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P The worship has ended.

C **The service now begins.**

P Go now in peace to serve the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God!**

In Service Today

Preacher - Pastor Zach Sarrault

Presiding Minister - Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Praise Worship Leader - Christopher Reed

Reign! Vocals - Angela Ferguson, Deb Oesterling

Reign! Musicians - Dorothy Conners, Nick Cassimatis, Lewis Wuori, Doug Durnbaugh, Charlie Shiel,
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