



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach:
Christ-like in Action!**

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**Easter Sunday
LOVE Rises in Us!**

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Welcome:

**Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen In Us! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE:

Alleluia, W.A. Mozart

Greeting

Music:

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Christ the I AM, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God is in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven on earth, Christ in the people,
gift of the future now flowing in me.
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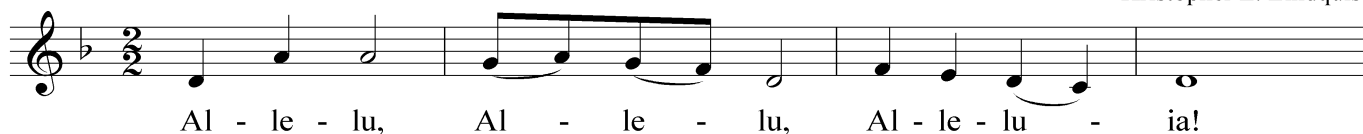
Prayer of the Day

Song of Praise

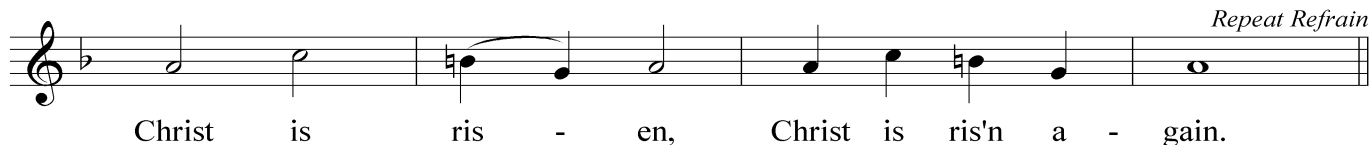
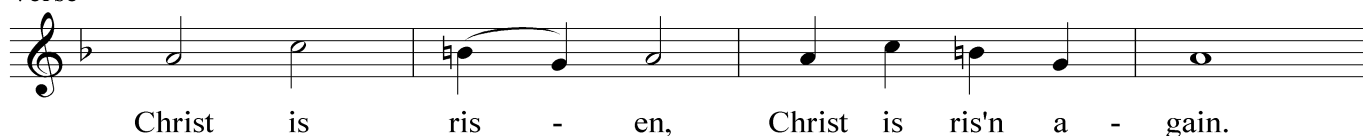
Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain

Kristopher E. Lindquist



Verse



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Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary of Magdala came with Mary to inspect the tomb.

Suddenly, there was a severe earthquake, and an angel of God descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it.

The angel's appearance was like lightning, with garments white as snow.

The guards shook with fear and fell down as though they were dead.

Then the angel spoke, addressing the women:

"Do not be afraid.

I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, who is no longer here.

Jesus has been raised, exactly as it was foretold.

Come and see the burial place.

Then go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee.

You will see Jesus there.

That is the message I have for you."

The women hurried away from the tomb with awe and great joy and ran to carry the good news to the disciples.

Suddenly Jesus stood before them and said, "Shalom!"

The women came up, embraced Jesus' feet and worshiped.

At this, Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid!

Go tell the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me."

Music

Thine Is the Glory

Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Perhaps someone will ask, “How are the dead to be raised up?

What kind of body will they have?”

WHAT A STUPID QUESTION!

The seed you sow does not germinate unless it dies.

When you sow, you do not sow the full-blown plant but a kernel of wheat or some other grain.

Then it is given the body God designed for it—with each kind of seed getting its own kind of body.

Not all flesh is the same.

Human beings have one kind, animals have another, birds another, and fish another.

Then there are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies.

Heavenly bodies have a beauty of their own, and earthly bodies have a beauty of their own.

The sun has one kind of brightness, the moon another, and the stars another.

And star differs from star in brightness.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead.

What is sown is a perishable body, what is raised is incorruptible.

What is sown is ignoble, what is raised is glorious.

Weakness is sown, strength is raised up.

A natural body is sown, and a spiritual body is raised up.

If there is a natural body, then there is also a spiritual body.

Music

Thine Is the Glory

Gospel:

John 20:1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground.

Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead.

Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus body had lain.

They asked her, “Why are you weeping?”

She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.”

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you’ve laid the body and I will take it away.”

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned to him and said, "Rabboni! —which means "Teacher."

Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell the, "I Am ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and our God!"

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced.

Then she reported what the saviour had said to her.

Reflection

LOVE Rises in Us!

Song of the Day: ***This Easter Celebration***

TEXT: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley AURELIA 7.6.7.6 D

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors — from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of LOVE and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate LOVE's grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see —
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffers crucifixion and faces the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rises again each day!
Now nothing in creation can keep our LOVE away.

Prayers

Prayer

An interpretation of the prayer Jesus taught:

LOVER of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil.
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.
All praise and honor is yours forever. Amen.

Song: ***Christ Is Risen! Alleluia -***

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love un-known

Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Sing Christ's praises! Alleluia! LOVE has risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection not a servant, but a friend,
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

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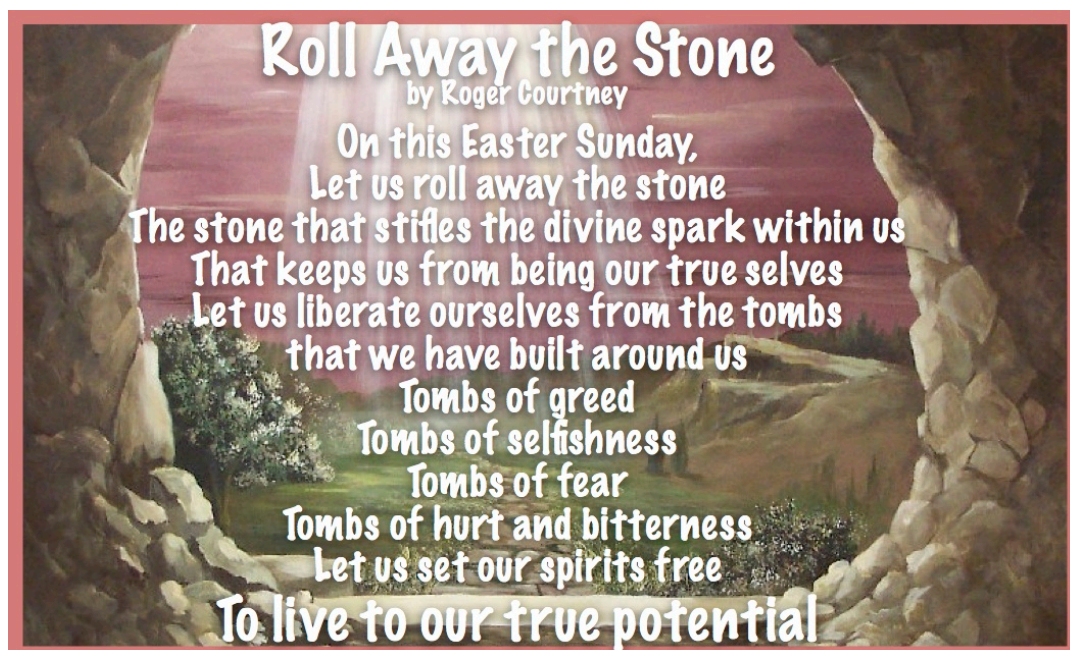
Christ is risen! Earth and heavens never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell it its grim, pandemic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Alleluia everyone!

Refrain:

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Celebrate this day of days!
Sing Christ's praises! Alleluia! LOVE has risen from the dead!

Blessing

Postlude: ***This Joyful Eastertide***



**Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal
from Council Member Andrew Slonetsky!**

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR

contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

Please help us out: we hope to begin live broadcasts on YouTube after Easter. In order to do so, we need 100 subscribers. Pastor Dawn's channel currently has 84 subscribers.

Please go to her channel and click on "Subscribe"

Just follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pastor+dawn+hutchings

Our Global Justice Team at Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been working closely with the York Region Outreach Van for many years. At the moment our volunteers have been asked to stay home and the limited staff working from the outreach Van is working 'flat out' in their attempt to serve the expanding number of clients. Requests for food, particularly, account for the greater number of clients being seen by Van staff.

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Baked Beans

Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)

Canned Soup



If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



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of your donation: Email**

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