



Easter Sunrise Service

April 8, 2012

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tucson, Arizona

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

Arr. by Valerie Floeter

VOICES OF GRACE

'Twas on One Sunday Mornin'

EASTER PROCLAMATION

MINISTER: Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: **HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

M: Christ is alive and victorious over death!

C: **ALLELUIA TO OUR LIVING LORD!**

M: Christ has won the battle over evil, and has reunited us with God.

C: **ALLELUIA TO OUR SAVING LORD!**

M: Christ is present with us, and proclaiming peace and joy.

C: **ALLELUIA TO OUR LOVING LORD!**

M: Christ is in power forever, and ruling now in glory and grace.

C: **ALLELUIA TO OUR REIGNING LORD! AMEN!**

Like The Golden Sun Ascending (CW 147 st. 1-2)



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing through the gloom of
2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O Lord of



night, On the earth its glo - ry spend - ing So that dark - ness takes to
life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, You have con - quered in the



flight, Thus my Je - sus from the grave And death's dis - mal dread - ful
strife. Thanks be - cause you did a - rise And have o - pened par - a -



cave Rose tri - um-phant Eas - ter morn ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.
dise! None can ful - ly sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.

Please Stand

EASTER CONFESSION

M: Heavenly Father, on Friday we were reminded of the seriousness of our sin as we saw your one and only Son go to his death to pay the penalty for the whole world's sin, including each of ours. With faith in him, we come before you now:

ALL: I CONFESS TO YOU, O GOD, THAT I WAS CONCEIVED AND BORN IN SIN, AND THAT I HAVE ALSO, THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, OFTEN AND IN MANY WAYS OFFENDED YOU, MY LORD AND MAKER. I HAVE DONE THIS WITH MY THOUGHTS, WITH MY WORDS AND WITH THINGS I HAVE DONE. YOU COULD WITH PERFECT JUSTICE REJECT AND CONDEMN ME FOR ALL ETERNITY. ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE OF YOUR WORD, I FLEE FOR REFUGE TO YOUR INFINITE MERCY. I IMPLORE YOU, FOR THE SAKE OF MY RISEN SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, FORGIVE ME ALL MY SINS.

M: Dear children of God, the tomb is empty! Christ is alive! He has conquered sin and death! You have forgiveness of all your sins and the free gift of eternal life by the life and love of God's only Son. The darkness of your life is transformed by the bright sunshine of Christ's Easter morning. You are loved; you are forgiven; and you are free to live in the joy of Christ's resurrection. Thanks be to God! The Lord is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (CW 149)



1	"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!"	Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2	Love's re - deem - ing work is done,	Fought the fight, the__ bat - tle won;
3	Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;	Christ has burst the__ gates of hell.
4	Lives a - gain our glo - rious King!	Where, O death, is__ now your sting?
5	Soar we now where Christ has led,	Foll' - wing our ex - al - ted head.
6	Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!	Praise to you by__ both be giv'n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs__ high;	Sing, O heav'ns and earth re - ply.
Lo, our sun's e - clipse is____ o'er;	Lo, he sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his____ rise;	Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to____ save;	Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
Made like him, like him to____ rise;	Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
God has now ful - filled his____ Word;	Praise the res - ur - rec - ted Lord!

Please Be Seated

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12:1-6

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."

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

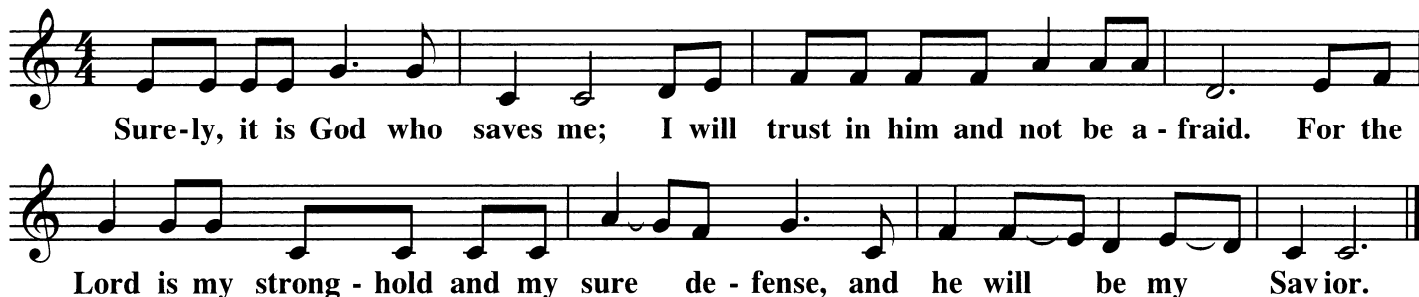
by Jack Noble White

The choir will sing the refrain first.

The congregation is asked to sing the refrain with the choir the second time.

The congregation will then join in singing the refrain after the choir sings each verse.

REFRAIN



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the
Lord is my strong - hold and my sure de - fense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.

REFRAIN

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (sing twice)

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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.

Please Stand

EASTER GOSPEL RESPONSIVE READING

John 20:1-18

M: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said,

Women: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

M: So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Men: Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

M: Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

C: Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her,

Men: "Woman, why are you crying?"

Women: "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

M: At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said,

Women: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

M: Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Men: Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:

Women: "I have seen the Lord!"

M: And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Please Be Seated

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS (CW 154)

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
- 4 God has pro - claimed his gra - cious gift:
- 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God;



He is the King of cre - a - - - - tion. **Refrain**
 Je - sus has died and has ris - - - - en. **Refrain**
 Now we shall live for - ev - - - - er. **Refrain**
 Life e - ter - nal for all who be - lieve. **Refrain**
 Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - - - - ior. **Refrain**

EASTER MEDITATION: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

CHRIST'S VICTORY IS OUR VICTORY

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass along.
 Thank You!*

OFFERTORY

He's Risen, He's Risen

Arr. by Valerie Floeter

EASTER PRAYER

- M: Dearest Jesus, just as the sun rises in the sky bringing light and life,
- C: So your rising from the grave brings light to a world dark with sin and new life with God which will extend into eternity!**
- M: We praise and thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us faith to see Jesus and believe in him as our Savior. Thank you for making us witnesses of the resurrection.
- C: What comfort and peace we enjoy knowing that our Savior conquered sin, death and Satan for us!**
- M: Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us this morning to look into that empty tomb. We are filled with rejoicing! Today we find full forgiveness, a dramatic change in our outlook on earthly life, and the sure hope of eternal life with you. Encourage us each day and each week to hear you speak to us in your Word and to join with our brothers and sisters in faith to worship you.
- C: Lord, give us the courage and love to go into the world with the good news of the resurrection and what it means for all people. Help us to proclaim to friends, family, neighbors and others, the joy and comfort and peace of knowing you as Lord and Savior. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

- M: May the news of Christ's resurrection fill you with joy and hope until the day of your resurrection to eternal life.
- C: AMEN!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

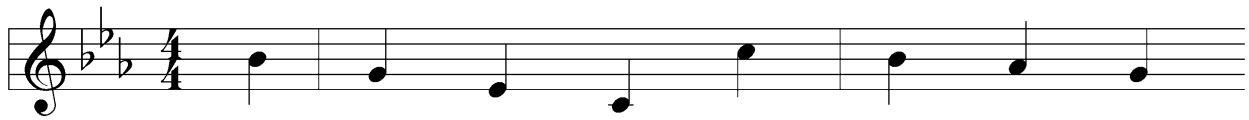
CLOSING HYMN **If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death** (page 7)

POSTLUDE *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* Arr. by Cindy Berry

Those serving in worship today:

Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke	Accompanist	Stephanie Kania
Preacher	Pastor Ronald Koehler	Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein
Guitar	Jim Goldie	Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Percussionist	Lisa Goldie	Youth Singers	Katelyn Lipke
Trumpets	Tyler Koehler		Ariana Weinstein
	Pastor Nathan Kassulke		Dylan Guenther
			Taylor Parra

If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death (CWS 721)



1 If Christ had not been raised from death,
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb,
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised,



Our faith would be in vain, Our preach - ing but a
Then death would be the end, And we should face our
His Church would live a lie; His name should nev - er -



waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
more be praised; His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed. He
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through



rules in earth and heav'n: His gos - pel meets a
when a Chris - tian dies We mourn, yet look to
him we are re - stored; His Word en - dures, his



world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

The hymn writer brings to mind the implications of Christ not being raised from death that Saint Paul delineates in his famous resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15.

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Welcome to Grace!

WE WELCOME all who are visiting with us on this joyful Easter morning! Please join us again. We look forward to sharing the joy of our Risen Savior with you throughout the year! If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you worship with us regularly. If you are interested in membership at Grace, please speak to one of the pastors today or at any time.

PLEASE STAY and celebrate with us! Our Easter Celebration continues with a light [Easter Breakfast](#). The [Easter Concert](#) will be in the church at 9 AM, followed by [Easter Festival Worship](#) at 10 AM.

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

God has blessed us with wonderful people, a magnificent facility, a fantastic location and, most importantly, many opportunities for worship, Bible study, events and groups. The gospel is at the heart of all we do here at Grace! Feel free to ask the pastors or any of the members any questions you may have about our church. For more information about our congregation there are **Guest Packets** available at both exits of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall for you to take today.

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Easter Lilies

The lilies beautifying our worship space have been given by the individuals below:



Teresa Travis—In memory of my dad, Dick Street, and thanks to God for my blessed son, Colin.
Dorothy Kaiser—In loving memory of Gerhard (Jerry) Wachsmann and my parents, Fred & Margaret Bonn.

The Koehler Family—In thankfulness for our Christian friends at Grace.
Brian & Linda Morris & Family—In memory of Larry Hess.

The Dyjak Family—In memory of Joseph John Dyjak and in gratefulness for Christian parents, children, and the protection afforded us by those serving in the United States military.

Sally Littau—In memory of loving parents.
Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of August & Dorothy Lehet.
Audrey Street—In memory of Richard Street.

John & Leslie Holz—In memory of Frank and Bernice Holz, Gerry Harves, Ralph Hagar, and Melvin Iburg.

Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In memory of our parents.
Emily Rudd—In thanks to God.
Sean & Mary Brearcliffe—In memory of Noel and Mary Brearcliffe.

For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:
Acts 26:19-29 1 Corinthians 15:12-22
John 20:19-31

Next Sunday's Sermon:
A Message Fit For a King

This Week's Schedule (4/8/12 - 4/15/12)

NO Weekday Bible Studies or Music Practices this Week

Today—EASTER

- Sunrise Worship (in the Courtyard)..... 7:00a
- Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)..... 8:00a
- Easter Concert (in the Church)..... 9:00a
- Festival Worship (in the Church)..... 10:00a

Monday

- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

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Saturday

- Christian Fellowship Group Potluck at the Kwarts' 12:00p

Sunday

- Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *The Life of Christ* (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace* Class (Conference Room in Office)..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10:00 Worship.....
- Tucson Campus Ministry: 7:00p