VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day April 9, 2023 10:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE Dinah Helgeson

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS CANDLELIGHTING

Mike Wagner, Crucifer Frank Ericksen, Acolyte

Congregation stands as able

GREETING

Rev. Thomas M. Aitken (P)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

TRUMPET FANFARE

Dr. Gary Koch, trumpet

Gathering Hymn:

ELW, #365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **C: Amen.**

P: Mighty and loving God,

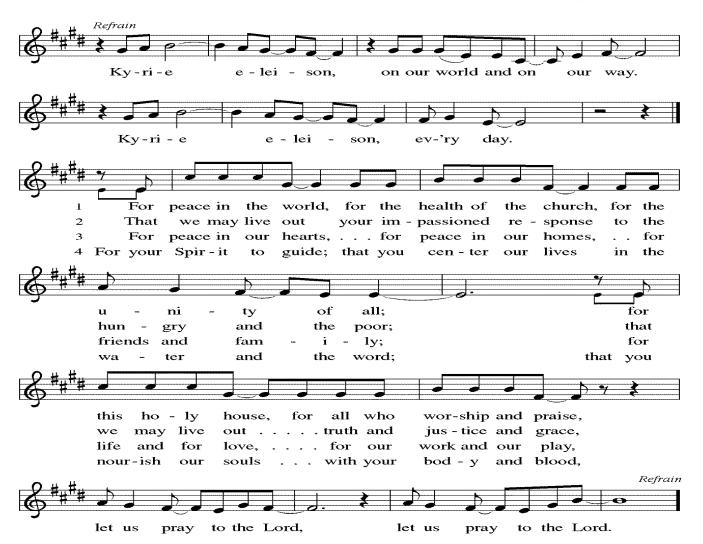
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **C:** Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE: Cantor sings verses

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**Congregation sits

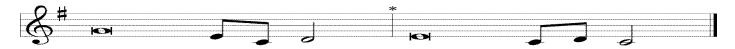
Lector: A reading from Acts, Chapter 10.

L: Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Dr. Gary Koch, Cantor



Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; *God's mercy en- dures forever.

Let Israel now declare, *"God's mercy en- dures forever."

The LORD is my strength | and my song, *and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

*"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! *The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

I shall not | die, but live, *and declare the works | of the LORD.

The LORD indeed pun- ished me sorely, *but did not hand me o- ver to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *here the righteous may enter."

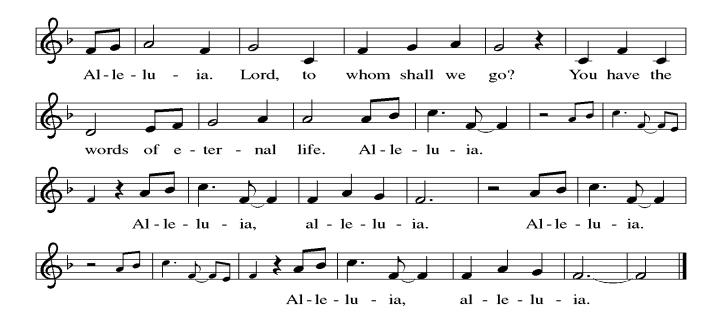
I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me *and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the build- ers rejected *has become the chief cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; *it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; *let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Congregation stands as able



GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. M. Thomas Aitken

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 28.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY:

Bishop Emeritus Tom Aitken

Congregation stands as able

HYMN OF THE DAY (next page):

ELW, #361

The Day of Resurrection!



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

June Langland, Assisting Minister (A)

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud... Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE (next page):

ELW, #480

O Bread of Life from Heaven



Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

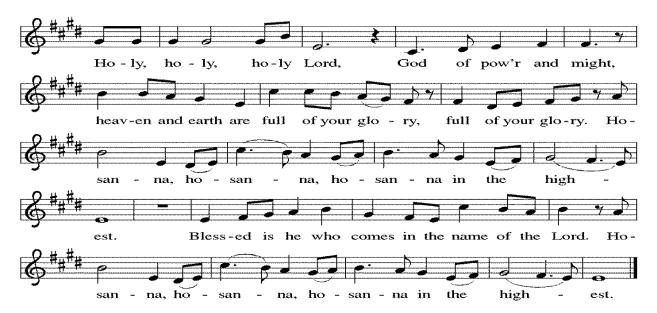
- P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY...

ELW, p. 153



WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

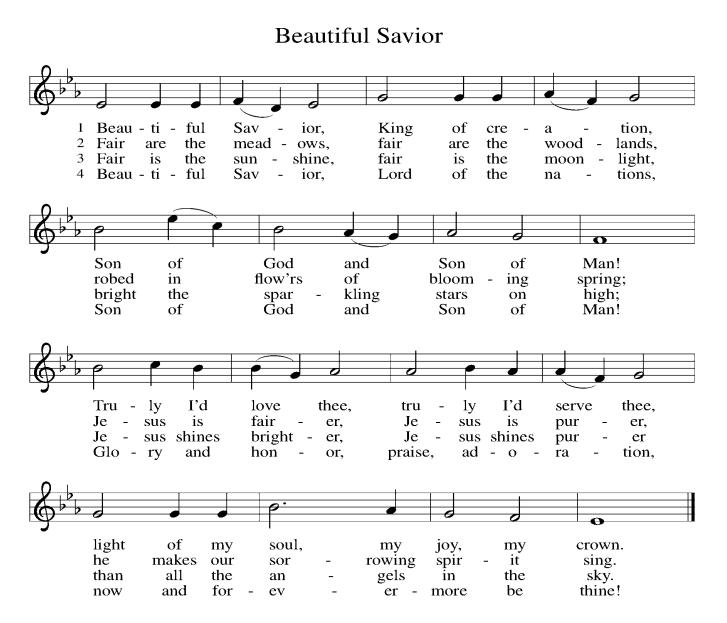
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: **Invitation to Communion**: P: This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here. **Congregation Sits**

Communion Hymn: ELW, #838



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

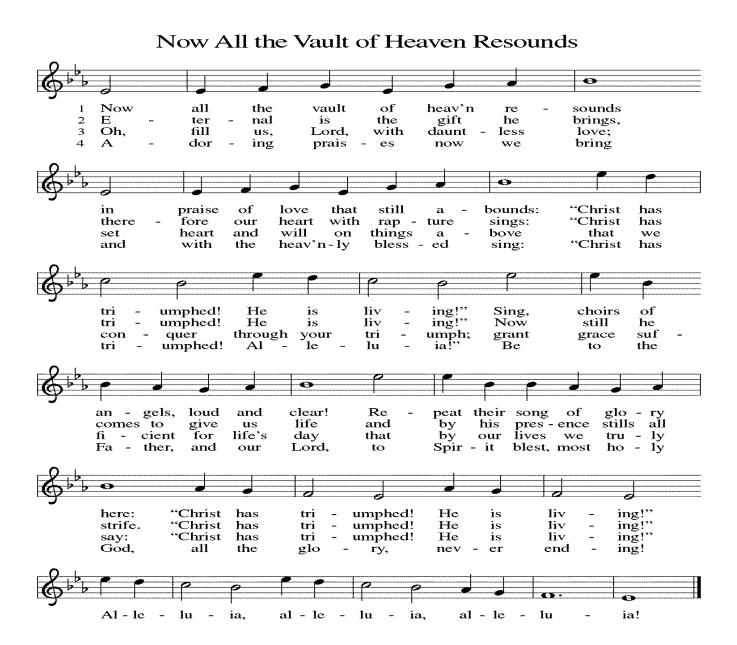
P: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. C: Amen

Sending Song:

ELW, 367



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymmal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL:

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done. C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants Today: Worship Assistants next week (4/16/23):

Guest Pastor – Rev. Thomas M. Aitken

Assisting Minister – June Langland

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Lector – Gail Larson Lector –

Communion Assistant – Patte Wagner Communion Assistants –

Usher – Jim Dam Usher – Jim Dam

Musician – Dinah Helgeson

Cantor – Dr. Gary Koch

Communion Set Up – Sindy Rice

Flowers – Easter Lilies

Musician – Marita Ericksen

Cantor – Quinn D'Artell

Communion Set Up – TBA

Flowers – Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies today are provided in memory of or recognition of loved ones:

Given By: In Memory of:

James Dam Ivan Dam

Marita, Elise & Frank Ericksen Rev. John Ericksen, husband, father, Grandpa

Dinah Helgeson Loved Ones Reynold Hokenson Diana Hokenson

June Langland Duane Langland (husband)

Judy Lorance Richard Lorance (husband)

Rich & Harriet Shull Nelson Carole Nelson & Howard Shull

Hazel Nelson Lisa & Mark Ridgeway
Kathleen Odekirk Richard Odekirk (husband)
Marlys Svensson Einar Svensson (husband)
Patte & Mike Wagner Gloria & Don Wagner
Cheryl Weise Volker Weise (husband)

<u>Given By:</u>
Dinah Helgeson

<u>In Recognition of:</u>
June Langland

Sindy Rice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. Thomas M. Aitken, for your participation in worship today at VLC!

Easter Sunday, April 9th, potluck breakfast, 9:00 AM. Bring a breakfast dish to share – an egg casserole, a meat dish, breads, fruits, or whatever you like.

<u>VLC Mission Planning Committee Meeting</u> – MPC next meets in person, Mon., April 17, at 6:00 PM.

<u>Giving Your Offering</u> – Thank you for continuing to give an offering to VLC! Our mailing address is: Vashon Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 2930, Vashon, WA 98070.

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

<u>IFCH Dinner Program</u>: The fourth Thursday of each month VLC is to provide the ingredients for five hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM. Contact Patte Wagner: <u>pattewags@aol.com</u> if you wish to help. IFCH will provide containers for packaging the food into meal-to-go bags.

<u>The Care Closet</u>, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

The Vashon Island Chorale Concerts, Apr. 15, 7:30 PM & 16, 3:00 PM at VCA. Directed by Dr. Gary D. Cannon, highlights include the acclaimed settings of James Agee's "Sure on this shining night" by Samuel Barber and Morten Lauridsen. Arrangements by Aaron Copland of traditional American tunes join William Averitt's dramatic and optimistic "The Song We Sing." "At the Water's Edge," a suite by Kevin Seigfried & Sarah Orne Jewett, & Bronwyn Edwards's "Seashore" depicting our own Vashon Island. The McMurray Middle School Youth Choir will be featured. VLC members Gary Koch, June Langland, Dennis Drewes & Marita Ericksen sing with Vashon Island Chorale.

<u>In September, 2023 we are having our annual rummage sale.</u> Please begin gathering items, but keep them home for now. In spring, June Langland will tell you when items can be brought to the church.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st Food Bank Sunday

10:30 AM Worship 6:30 – 8:30 PM AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group

April 17, 6:00 PM Mission Planning Committee Mtg. at VLC

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quilt Sewers Group 3rd, 10:00 AM – noon Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon Lutheran Quilters Group April 19, 7:00 PM Council ZOOM Meeting

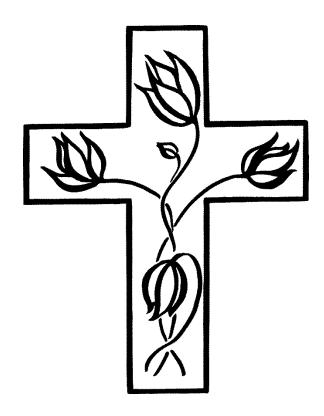
THURSDAY

Apr. 7, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM AARP Free Tax Prep, by appointment

Apr. 27, 5:00 PM IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY

7:00 – 8:30 PM AA Group for Men



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Remaining Holy Week Services:

April 6, 4:00 PM – Maundy Thurs. Svc., @ Church of Holy Spirit, Dinah Helgeson, pianist.

April 6, 7:00 PM – Holy Thurs. Svc., @ Vashon Presbyterian, in-person and ZOOM.

April 6, 8:00 PM – Overnight Prayer Vigil, ends 6:00 PM, April 7, @ VPC

April 7, 4:00 PM – Good Friday Svc., @ CHS, Marita Ericksen, pianist.

April 7, 7:00 PM – Good Friday Svc., @ VPC, in person & ZOOM, Bev Skeffington, harp.

April 8, 8:00 – 9:30 PM – Great Vigil Svc., @ CHS, Dinah Helgeson, pianist.

April 9, 9:00 – 10:15 AM – Easter Celebration Potluck Breakfast @ Vashon Lutheran.

April 9, 10:30 AM – Easter Celebration Service @ Vashon Lutheran

Hymns for April 9, 2023

Prelude Dinah Helgeson

ELW, 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW, 361 The Day of Resurrection!

ELW, 480 O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW, 838 Beautiful Savior

ELW, 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Postlude Dinah Helgeson