

## Holy Communion

P: When we gather for Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts, and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remember that:

*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 in 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 in remembrance of Me."*

*The Pastor and Deacon then give the Bread and Wine, saying:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C: Amen**

## Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: *Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people; A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)*

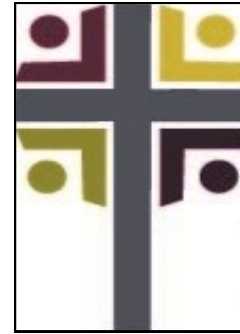
## Responsive Commissioning and Blessing

P: The Lord bless you throughout this Eastertide. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



**Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church**

Tyler, Texas

Easter Morning, 2023

**Easter**  
Sunrise Service

# Order of Worship

## Gather in Silence

*The women approached Jesus' tomb in the early hours and were surprised by the words, "Jesus is raised and is not here" (Mark 16:6b). Let us approach this service with a sense of the mystery that surrounds the journey from death to life.*

## Call to Worship <sup>Psalm 149</sup>

P: O living God, this morning begins in darkness, the day dawns in quiet.

**C: Come, God, arise! Bring forth the sun from its slumber, and Jesus from the tomb. Break forth the Holy Light, your Blessed Child.**

P: Greet us with Your peace on this morning of mystery and hope.

**C: Amen**

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, The Virgins' Crown"

## Opening Prayer

God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Scripture Readings: Psalm 16; John 20:1-18; Canticle of Zechariah

Easter Sunrise Message: "Rabboni!"

Hymn: "Because He Lives"

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow*

*Because He lives, all fear is gone*

*Because I know He holds the future*

*And life is worth the living, just because He lives.*

And then one day, I'll cross the river

I'll fight life's final war with pain.

And then, as death gives way to victory

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns (*Chorus*)

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: As we prepare to participate in the Bread and Cup at our Lord's Table, let us confess our sins and hear the promise of forgiveness.  
*Most merciful God,*

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## Passing of the Peace

P: Peace be with you.

**C: And with you.**

## Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**