



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA  
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Easter Sunday



**PRELUDE**

Etude opus 26 no. 1

Frederic Chopin

Etude opus 10 no. 3

Frederic Chopin

**Andy Shen**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365 (red hymnal, rear section)**

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heav'ly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### **GREETING**

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

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**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. Amen.**

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

#### **FIRST LESSON: Acts 10: 34-43 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

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 (the congregation responds with the bold words)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,**

**“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

God 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 God acts valiantly!**

The right hand of God is exalted!

The right hand of God acts valiantly!”

**I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of God.**

God indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to God.**

“This is the gate of God;  
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 builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By God 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.

**CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION**

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-11**

When the sabbath was over,  
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices,  
so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body].

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen,  
they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another,  
“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large,  
had already been rolled back.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,  
sitting on the right side;

and they were alarmed.

**But he said to them,**

**“Do not be alarmed;  
you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Look, there is the place they laid him.  
But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him, just as he told you.”**

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them;  
and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Now after Jesus rose early on the first day of the week,  
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

**She went out and told those who had been with him,  
while they were mourning and weeping.  
But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her,  
they would not believe it.**

This is the gospel indeed.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

**SERMON HYMN**

**Christ is Risen #382**

**(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

**REFRAIN**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;**

death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow.

**REFRAIN**

Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found.

**REFRAIN**

Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.

**REFRAIN**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 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 THE PEOPLE**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and those associated with it and for your Spirit in our midst. We pray especially for

- Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retinal
- Danielle Shields – 43 year old mom of 4 kids with breast cancer that has spread to her bones.
- Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
- Kathie Sperow – dealing with a new condition
- Jean Senter – recovering from knee problems
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha’s cousin – heart problems
- Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – for peace and comfort
- Katie Edson and family – death of their mother, Mercedes
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport – Thankful for a successful eye surgery
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of gun violence
- Victims of collapsed bridge in Maryland
- For Gwen Muff, Joe Rice and Janelle Muff who celebrate their birthdays this week

Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Caring God, we also name before you those on our hearts and minds who also are in need of our intercession,

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death *especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith*. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us share that peace with one another.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.... **Risen One,**  
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**  
**May the gifts that we offer here**  
**be signs of your abiding love.**  
**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**  
**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (spoken)**

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;**  
**heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**



**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and 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 to his disciples, saying,  
“Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,  
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Now the Green Blade Rises #379 (red hymnal, rear section)      **Andy Shen**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY #208**      (red hymnal, rear section)

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:  
**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
AMEN.**

#### **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**                      **Thine Is the Glory #376**                      **(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**

#### **REFRAIN**

**Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death has won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sing!**

#### **REFRAIN**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;**

life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

REFRAIN

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Fantasia in D Minor  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Andy Shen

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Thank you to:

- **Andy Shen** for accompanying worship today.
- **Nikki Rocha** for assisting in worship.
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- **Janet Lorenzo, David Ogren** and others for streaming worship.
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- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **A whole crowd** for decorating our sanctuary and yard so nicely!
- **To everybody who contributed to our latest food drive, and to Sandy McMillan, Nancy Padilla and Katie Edson** for delivering our big collection to Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz this past week!

Events this week:

- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will meet next Sunday, April 7th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom, to begin again with Season 4, Episode 1. We will be viewing the episode during the meeting. Speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in joining this group!
- This Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be starting a new study group on the book *The Great Angel* by Margaret Barker, at 9:15 to 10:00 am on Zoom. Please speak with Pastor Brian if you are interested in participating. This study will do some “Biblical archaeology” to uncover beliefs in Israel prior to the Babylonian captivity in the sixth century before Christ.
- **Bible Study** will also take place on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. The topic will be *Letters for Sojourners*.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.  
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Remember to check the website calendar for upcoming events!**  
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