

Easter Series

WHERE IS JESUS?

Jesus
is in the
Truth



April 12

8:30 & 11:00

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude & Entrance Hymn



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with the op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve,
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Easter Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

A: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.**

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious God, in this Easter season we give you thanks for your faithfulness to your promise to raise your Son from death to bring us hope and new life. As we come now to know his presence in the hearing of the Word, the gathering around the table and the fellowship of our community, do not leave us wondering about His presence in our lives. Renew in us the Spirit, that we will boldly bring His life and hope to all as He commands. In His name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 2:14, 22-32

Peter's Sermon on Pentecost about the Risen Jesus

Then Peter spoke to the crowd that had gathered around the disciples in the center of the city: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth is, as you know, a man whom God showed you was the Messiah by manifesting power through him and doing wonders through him and working signs through him. This Jesus - the carefully and wisely insightful plan of our merciful and gracious God - this Jesus, was handed over into lawless hands, was nailed to the cross and killed. Then God raised Jesus, releasing him from the birth pangs of death, because death did not have the power to take hold of him. For the ancient and great King of God's people, David, said this about him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

*for the Lord is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'* [Psalm 16]

Fellow brothers and sisters, it is with certainty that I remind you that our ancestor David both died and was buried. We can still go visit his tomb today! But, since David was not only a King but also a prophet, David knew that God had made a solemn promise to him that God put one of David's descendants on David's throne. Being certain that God would keep this promise, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah by saying,

*'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'* [Psalm 16]

This descendent of David is Jesus, the one whom God raised up, and we are all witnesses of Jesus' resurrection.

Reader: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

16



In your pres - ence there is full - ness of joy.

*Protect me, O God,
for in you I take refuge.*

**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

*As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.*

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips. R**

*The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.*

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.*

**I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.*

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

*You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **R***

Second Lesson

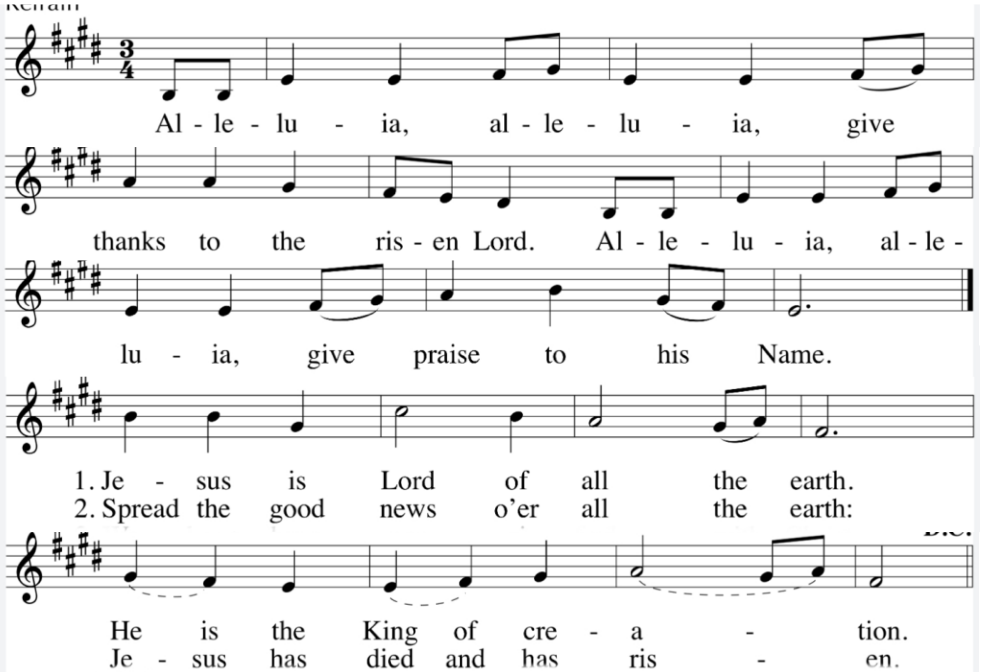
1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ. God has done this because God is merciful. Our new hope is in an inheritance that will never end; an inheritance that is holy and never weakens. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you - you who, through faith, are being protected by the power of God for a salvation that God is preparing to reveal when he brings in the End Time. And even though you may be suffering various hardships today, you rejoice in this hope because the hardships of today only serve to show the genuineness of your faith - which is more precious than gold, but like gold, in that both are made more pure through the purifying fire. When Jesus Christ is finally revealed in the End Time, the genuineness of your tested faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor. Although you have not seen Jesus, you do love Jesus; and even though you do not see Jesus right now, you do believe in Jesus and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for right now you are receiving the fulfillment of your faith, the salvation of your life.

Reader: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

Verse



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:
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 28

But as Easter day continued, some of the guards who were stationed at Jesus' tomb by the Jewish Religious Authorities went back into Jerusalem and reported everything that had been happening at the tomb to the chief priests.

Gathering with the council of elders, the combined leadership collected a large sum of money to give to these soldiers, instructing them that they must say, "Jesus' disciples came at night and stole the dead body of Jesus out of the tomb while we were sleeping. And if the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, gets wind of this, we will handle it - you need not worry yourselves

about that!"

And having taken the silver, the guards did what they had been told. And this story spread abroad from the Jews all the way down to this day.

Now the eleven disciples, following the instructions the women who went to the tomb had brought back from the angelic messenger, went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And seeing him, they worshiped him; but they also doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, " All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go out, then, and disciple all the peoples of the world, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the final culmination of this age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Apostles Creed 8:30 / Holy Baptism 11:00

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.

The Prayers of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory

864

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

S 152

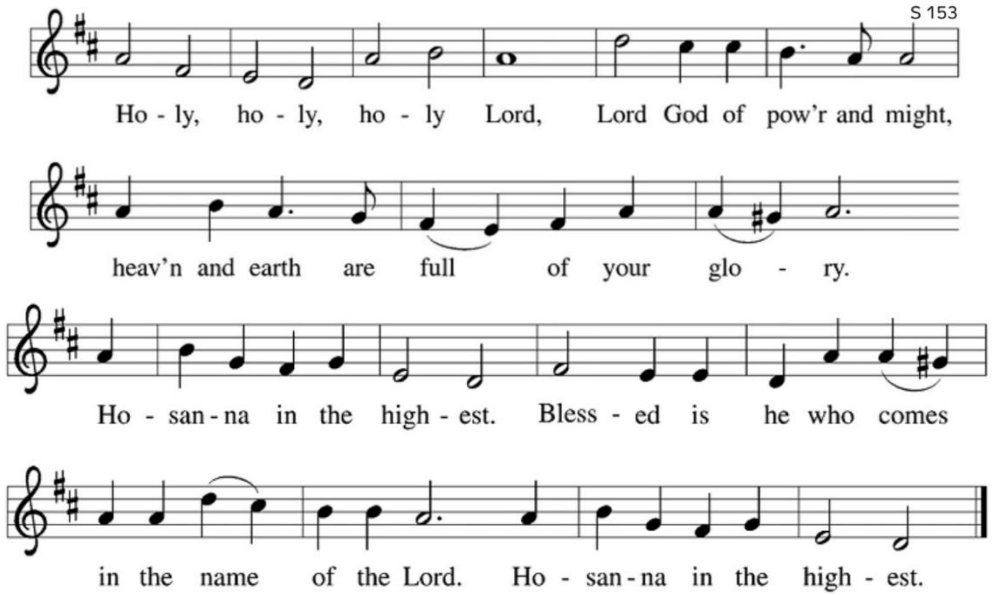
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

P: It is indeed . . .



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

366, 361, 392

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yaw - ning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

377

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Today we welcome through the sacrament of Baptism, Paul Edward Giarraputo, Jr. Son of Bridgette & Paul Giarraputo.

Flowers are placed on the altar in honor of Paul Edward Giarraputo's Baptism by his loving Grandparents Paul & Lori Giarraputo and Edward & Kathy Snow.



Sunday, April 12

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday April 13

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting/ Green Team Meeting

Tuesday April 14

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

Wednesday April 15

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

Sunday April 19

Earth Day Celebration

Last Day to RSVP for April Dining Out Gathering

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes



Please make your tax-deductible donation to support Grace Lutheran and our many faithful ministries using this QR code!



Saturday, April 25th 11am - 3 pm

Refer to this week's email for link to sign up
for a time slot!

Grace Lutheran Church

Christopher Chantelau, *Pastor* • Becki Advocate, *Music Director*
Kristen Halderman, *Parish Administrator* • Samantha Calamera, *Sexton*
Rev. Dr. Timothy Kennedy, *Pastor Emeritus*

3830 Gomer St. • Yorktown Heights, NY • 10598 • 914.245.5737 • www.GraceYorktown.org