

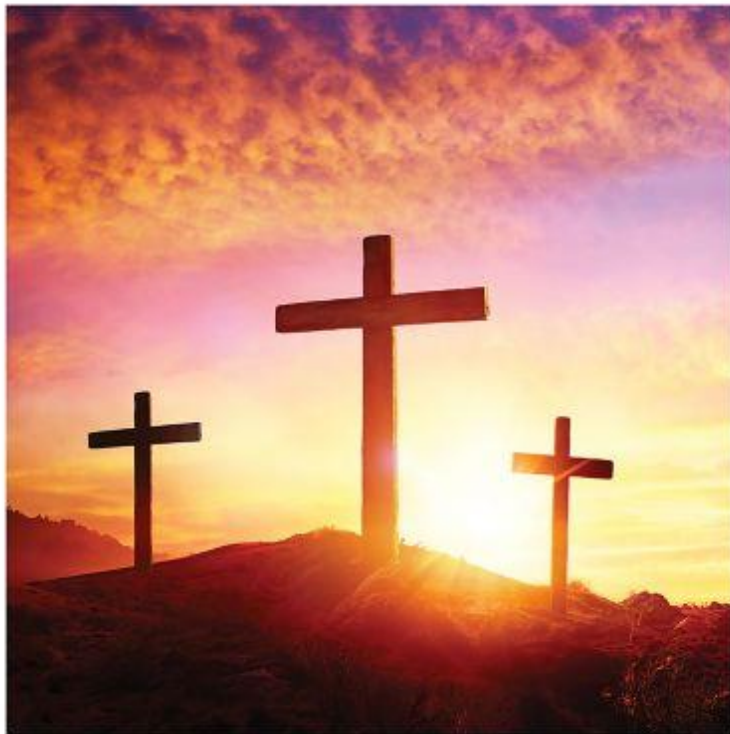
# Big Grove Crow River Grace Parish

P.O. Box 10, Belgrade, MN 56312

320-254-3249

[bgcrgparishmn@gmail.com](mailto:bgcrgparishmn@gmail.com)

## Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024



Lead Pastor Lisa Meshke, [pastorlisaanne@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlisaanne@gmail.com)  
Deacon Brenda Handel-Johnson, [bhandeljohnson@gmail.com](mailto:bhandeljohnson@gmail.com)  
Secretary, Sue Wiener

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## Prelude

Procession/Bells

### \*Easter Proclamation:

L: Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### \*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

1 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!

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

3 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!

4 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!

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" Music by: J. Walsh Public Domain  
Reprint by permission of CCLI License #2275507

**\*Easter Litany:**

L: Have you heard the Good News! Christ is risen from the grave!

**C: Alleluia! The Lord is alive!**

L: Come! Let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

**C: Let us worship the risen Christ!**

L: From out of the darkness of sin and death,

**C: We welcome the dawn of new life.**

L: From out of sadness and despair,

**C: We find gladness and hope in the news that our Lord is alive!**

L: With the rising sun we praise the Lord of Life!

**C: With joyful song we celebrate the victory Christ won over death!**

L: With confidence and courage,

**C: We join in proclaiming the triumph of our God!**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**\*Apostolic Greeting:**

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

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "I Know that my Redeemer Lives" ELW #619  
(v. 1,2,8)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above;  
he lives to rule his church in love.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793 CCLI #2275507 Public Domain

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

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 everyday 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.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.****Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

L: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**C: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

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

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

L: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

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

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

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

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

## Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW #392 (v. 1)

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887 One License #A-736797

**\*Holy Gospel:**

Mark 16: 1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.****Gospel Response:** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW #392 (v. 2)

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887 One License #A-736797

## Sermon

**\*Hymn:** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW #3671 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life  
and by his presence stills all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above  
that we conquer through your triumph;  
grant grace sufficient for life's day  
that by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress. #SB109327

**\*Nicene Creed:**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**L:** God of grace,           **C:** hear our prayer.

**\*Peace:**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

**Offering:** (children may bring offerings forward)

**\*Offertory Hymn:** "Now We Join in Celebration" ELW #462 (v. 1)

1 Now we join in celebration  
at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence,  
putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen

Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress..#SB109327

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

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.**

*(All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion today. You will receive a wafer or piece of bread – gluten free wafers are available. From the silver trays, choose either the dark-colored wine on the outside of the trays or the light-colored grape juice on the inside of the trays.)*

**\*Great Thanksgiving:**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

Setting 4, page 153, ELW

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Augsburg Fortress. #SB109327

**\*Words of Institution**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**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**

#### **Communion Hymns:**

**"Lamb of God"** Setting 4 page 154, ELW

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Augsburg Fortress. #SB109327

**"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** ELW #857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954 Music: Rick Founds CCLI #2275507  
Text and music copyright 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc., admin. Music Services

**"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"** ELW #369

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!



4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.  
Music by: Robert Williams Reprint by permission of Once License #A-736797

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

ELW #385

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. One License #A-736797  
Text © 1952, ren. 1986 Hymns *Ancient & Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.  
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

### \*Communion Blessing

#### \*Communion Prayer:

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.**

#### \*Benediction:

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of † Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Thine is the Glory"

ELW #376

1 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 grave-clothes where thy body lay.

***Refrain:***

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

2 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 sting! ***Refrain:***

3 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:***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939  
One License #A-736797 Public Domain

**\*Dismissal:**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: Go in peace. Share this good news to all the world.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**