

† SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION †
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 4, 2021

PRELUDE

Easter Fanfare

John Behnke

INVOCATION and EASTER ACCLAMATION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C Amen.

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Healey Willan

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P The Paschal candle represents our risen Lord shining in the light and splendor of His resurrection. He is the new "pillar of fire" leading redeemed Israel out of the bondage of sin into the promised land.

C May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing, that all who in share this joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(The Paschal candle is lit)

P The light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We pray that as He lives, we also may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets

testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

P Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

C Death has no more dominion over us.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll

away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled

back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So they went out

and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HANDBELL HYMN MEDITATION

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Katherine Larson

SERMON

“Hope Mixed With Fear”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

THE NICENE CREED (*Congregation rising*)

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God, who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

P Almighty God, we praise Your power revealed in the resurrection. Fill Your church with the power of Your love that is stronger than death. Use us to share the good news with those who are fearful and uncertain. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We praise Your life-giving work in the resurrection. Give us eyes to see Your new life in creation, that it may remind us of Your persistent grace, and teach us to care for what You have made. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We praise You for the peace made possible in the resurrection. Fill the nations with Your peace and draw together people of every community. Guide all leaders in Your ways, and help us to seek the good of our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We praise You for the hope of the resurrection. Renew hope in any who are troubled, and assure them of Your promises. We pray for those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially all on our prayer line and those we remember before You now... (PAUSE). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We praise You for the joy of the resurrection. Fill us with joy as we come together for worship and go out to serve in Your name. We give You thanks for sustaining us through the traumas of this past year and for the blessings that You continually bestow upon us. Bless our homes and families with Your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to You, trusting in Your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HOLY COMMUNION †

PREFACE (*Congregation rising*)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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; 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

P Take and eat, the body of Christ given for you...
(*We eat the bread*)

P Take and drink, the blood of Christ, shed for you...
(*We drink the cup*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life. Strengthened by the gift of His body and blood, keep us mindful of the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as Your people toward the fullness of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL I Know That My Redeemer Lives Richard Heschke

DISMISSAL

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "At the Lamb's High Feast" John Behnke

Bulletins and used communion containers may be placed in the receptacles provided. Please leave your offerings and Attendance Form in the offering plates located by the Jesus Fountain or at the welcome tables.

Special thanks to our worship assistants:

9:00 Brendan Ortiz

10:45 Layla Livingston

EASTER FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE FOLLOWING:

Ansorge Family - In memory of Grace Ansorge and Walter Cornelison & Dorothy Cornelison

James & Jacqueline Bunn - In memory of James & Jean Bryan and James & Genette Bunn

Daniel & Lydia Chao

Barbara Clark - In memory of Richard A. Clark

Kathy Coffey - In memory of Frank Coffey and Bill & Helen Messner

Deacon Joan and Dave Condon - In honor of our grandchildren and in memory of Bob & Betty Roberts and family members

Tony & Ruth DeRosa

Rose Ann DiGiovanni - In memory of Carol & Edward Raff

Dwayne, Maria & Ruth Gitter - In memory of Sidney & Rosalind Gitter and Vincenzo & Orsola Cerrato

Gotte Family

Skip Hansen - In memory of Henry B. & Katharine Hansen and Carmine & Lillian DiMucci

Alex Hartwell & Marie Park

Pastor Rob & Sue Hartwell - In memory of Robert K. Hartwell

Ilse Koerper - In honor/memory of family and friends

Marcia Kollmann

Nathan Linn & Family

Shankar Peterson - In memory of my father, Clifford Peterson

George & Carol Pietarinen - In memory of our mothers,
A. Pietarinen and Marion Carideo

Podszus Family - In memory of William G. Podszus and our grandparents,
Otto & Erna Podszus and Carl & Marie Finke

Lorane Prendergast - In memory of Bob & Betty Roberts

Georgine Read - In memory of my sister, Diana Read

Deborah Reiss - In honor of Edie Pinka on her 90th birthday (April 1)

Reyes-Guerra Family - In honor/memory of family and friends

Virginia Stong - In memory of Edward M. Stong and Bob & Betty Roberts

Swain Family

You are welcome to take home your Easter flowers after the 10:45 service.

Please be sure to look for your name on the plant.

News and Notes:

Spring Blood Drive on **Saturday, April 10**, at VLC from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the MPR. Help us give back to the community in a truly life-changing way, since each donation collected can save up to three lives. If you have any questions, contact Kim Zwisdak in the Development Office, 914-337-0207 x1040 or KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org. A sign-up sheet is available at the welcome table in the Reception Area or go online to <https://tinyurl.com/April10BloodDrive>

Prayer Conference call resumes on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m. Join Pastor Hartwell and Minister of Music Deb Reiss for quiet reflective prayer as we thank God for the blessings He provides and lift up the needs of world during the pandemic. The call-in number is (1) 732-434-3982. If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the back side of the Attendance Form at in-person worship or contact Kim Rapillo, Church Office Administrative Assistant, at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

SOUP KITCHEN MEALS: Our next date will be on **Wednesday, April 14**. Please sign up in advance to choose your volunteer date and food item, pick up an aluminum tray (back of church or Reception Area), prepare food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. For more info, contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or NPalumbo@thechapelschool.org.

1st Communion Instruction for 5th grade and older will take place on **Wednesdays, April 14, 21 and 28, at 6:00 p.m.** We are now planning to offer the classes via Zoom and meet in person to create individual banners. The 1st Communion celebration is scheduled for **Sunday, May 2, at the 10:45 service**. If you would like to have your child complete the 1st Holy Communion classes, please call 914-337-0207 (1003) or e-mail VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.ORG to receive a registration form. The Chapel School students and community youth are welcome, too!

Blessing Basket/Food for ECAP: Drop off items in the Blessing Baskets in the Friendship Room on weekends or leave them with the receptionist during the week. Outdoor drop-off in the Concordia parking lot is available on the third Thursday of the month. The next date is **April 15**.

Women's Bible Study/LWML Group will resume meeting in person on **Saturday, April 17, at 9:00 a.m.** in the MPR. Remote participants will also be able to join via Zoom. The discussion for this month will be on Chapters

18 and 19 of the Stormie Omartian book. For more information, contact Deacon Wendy Krolides (914-391-9356) or Terry Vidal (terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

The Atlantic District LWML Virtual Retreat "Life in the Son" will be held on **Saturday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m.** You are invited to share in worship, Bible Study, song, mission and fellowship. For more information contact Jeanette Coulthurst, Chapel School teacher and VP for Mission Outreach of the LWML-Atlantic District, at atlanticklwml@gmail.com.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS 2021: Tickets are now on sale for our outdoor, socially distanced Spring Festival to be held right here at our campus on **Saturday, May 15, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** You can show your support and have some fun with delicious food, a circus show, games and more. Go to www.Gathering-of-Friends.org or call 914-337-0207 x1040.

Prayer Line: We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Dean Carbone, Frank Clark, Edward Condolff, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Gail Eckstein, Dave Emmons, Werner Fick, Denzil Francis, Annabella Hansen, Deacon Joe Lamoureux, Frank Lyman, Jayne Marra, Norah Murphy, Joan Paliotta, Sylvia Puig, Ralph Qualitero, Johnathan Richards, Pete & Vera Richards, Morena Rodriguez, Syble Schexnayder, Andrew Shreeves, Lila Slattery, Steve Smith, Ben Tashoff, Vincent Valentino

Bereavement Prayer Line: We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **Robert Sanger**, father of Amy Heath, who passed away on March 28, 2021
- † **Lillian DiMucci**, mother-in-law of Skip Hansen, who passed away on March 19, 2021
- † **Robert "Bob" Roberts**, beloved longtime church member, who passed away on March 13, 2021

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TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Under the blessing of God, the mission of Village Lutheran Church is a ministry of the Word and Sacraments. This ministry gives opportunities for mission, witness, nurture, fellowship, stewardship, and service. It focuses on the specific needs of individuals and groups within the congregation and extends to the church-at-large, the community, and the world.

The Chapel School is an integral part of the congregation's ministry directed specifically to children. It provides a distinctive Christian education enabling children to evidence a Christian lifestyle and to achieve academic success.

TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY