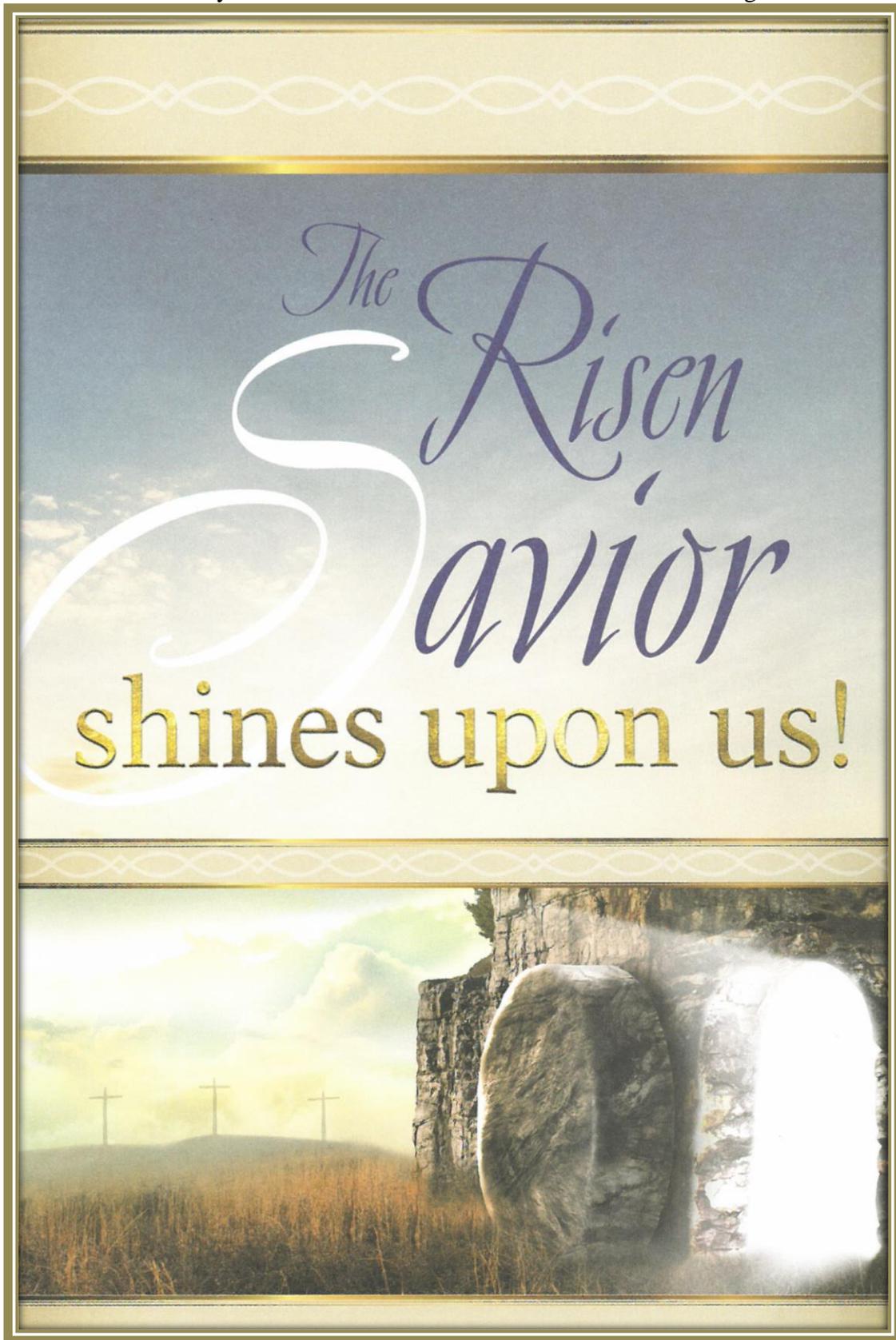


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We joyfully welcome all guest and visitors who are worshipping with us this morning. We gather to celebrate our Lord's glorious resurrection.

Joyous Love! He is Risen! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(* Stand as you are able)

(We enter in darkness and silence.)

A PRELUDE TO A NEW DAY

*RESURRECTION GOSPEL

John 20:1-10

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

*UNVEILING THE CROSS

*RESURRECTION GOSPEL

John 20:11-18

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***ADORATION AND PRAISE**

Yours is the glory, O God, for raising Jesus from the darkness of death.

Yours is the glory, O Christ, for being prepared, to conquer death and give us the gift of eternal life.

And, as if that were not enough, you greet us by name, as you greeted Mary in the garden, and transform our lives forever with your Easter life.

Risen Lord, we worship and adore you;

And we pray that the Holy Spirit, your life in us, will so transform us to your image,

That we radiate your glory here, through our rejoicing and praise, and in all the places where people's lives are still affected by the powers of death and sin.

Yours is the glory,

O God, for showing us the human face of your love in Jesus, your Son, our risen Lord.

Yours is the glory,

Risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that 'endless is the victory that you over death have won'.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the Father,

Who created and preserves us,

And of the Son,

Who rose from the dead as victor over death, and is our grace and mercy.

And of the Holy Spirit,

Who fills us with joy as we live our lives in faith.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***OPENING SONG** *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*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'nly 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!*

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

***RESURRECTION LITANY**

Jesus has come that we may have life, and have it to the fullest.

Christ has died.

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Christ is risen.

For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Christ will come again.

God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

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

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***CONFESSING OUR SIN**

We can hardly contain our joy today, because we know that our Lord Jesus is alive. At the same time, we still deal with sin daily. In our joy, we know that we have a loving God who forgives us our sins on account of his Son. Let us go boldly and confidently before our Father in heaven confessing our sins and need for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Heavenly Father, I am a poor miserable sinner. I continually sin against you and against others. I don't deserve what we are celebrating today. I don't deserve to live forever. It is only because of your mercy that I am here in this church celebrating your Son's resurrection. Forgive me for my faults and failures and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – THE GOOD NEWS**

Because Christ has died for your sins as the all-availing sacrifice, the debt has been paid! You are free to worship the Lord Jesus! You are free to rejoice! Have joy! Your sins are forgiven!

Amen! Alleluia!

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

*Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.*

*Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
He who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.*

*Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to him, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at his right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.*

*Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.*

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 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

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34–43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in

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accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Sing thru 3 times

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:1–8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **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. 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 anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“The Gift of Risen Life – Joyous Love”

Pastor Bill Peters

SONG OF THE DAY *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*

***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 firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
he 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;
be we 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 (9)*

***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 COMMUNITY**

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.

...Lord, in your joyous love, **Hear our prayer.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(spoken)*

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"

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. Hosanna in the highest.

***LINTANY OF HUMILITY AND HOPE** *"Lamb of God"*

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.

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***BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***SENDING SONG** “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*”

*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! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*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!*

*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!*

*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.

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Go in peace. He is Risen!.

Thanks be to God. He is Risen Indeed!

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Joyous Love! He is Risen!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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ON THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR

The very last verse of this morning's gospel comprises what scholars believe to be the original ending of Mark. Somewhat alarmingly, the final words are "they were afraid" (Mark 16:8). If you crack open your Bible today, you'll see a few other paragraphs and endings beyond this verse; however, Mark 16:8 is thought to have been the original end to the book.

As people who are used to greeting Easter morning with flowers, banners, trumpets, and boisterous hymns, this original ending to Mark, filled with fear and silence, isn't quite what we expect to find at the empty tomb! The end of Mark's Easter story can feel disquieting; maybe that's why a faithful person added another ending or two.

Fear and silence are hallmarks of human life. Anyone who says they have never been afraid is either living under a rock or probably not sharing the full truth of their experience of things. As vulnerable human creatures, we are susceptible to fear, which can cascade into silence at our worst when we are most frightened. That is exactly where we meet the disciples today.

Yet someone, sometime, somewhere, had to have said something, or else we would not be here worshipping at Easter. At some point joy crept up and leapt over the disciples' terror and paralysis. At some point the words were blurted out and released into the air with gladness: "Christ is risen, alleluia!"

Today, we enter the story on the other side of fear and silence. Someone among those disciples did indeed proclaim the truth: Christ is risen! We can rest assured knowing that despair and death don't have the last word. Drawn into the resurrection life of Jesus, we are invited to take part in this movement of God, shouting with loud praise, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"