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**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

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## CHRIST IS RISEN!

We joyfully welcome all who gather here this morning to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. A special welcome to all guests and visitors. From our sin we expected judgment, from the cross we expected death, but on this morning we celebrate the empty tomb, the risen Lord,

and the gift of God's grace - forgiveness, salvation, and life everlasting.

**HALLELUJAH!**

# The Tomb is Open! He is Risen!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Hymns are from the Green Hymnal.*

*(\* Stand as you are able)*

### ✠ A PRELUDE TO A NEW DAY ✠

**SONG**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(vs. 1 – acappella) # 165

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!*

*God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

## 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. <sup>2</sup>So 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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

## UNVEILING THE CROSS

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

**\*RESURRECTION GOSPEL****John 20:11-18**

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and 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. <sup>13</sup>They 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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus 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.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary 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.**

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**\*ADORATION AND PRAISE**

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

**Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.**

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

**Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.**

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.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit, your life in us, will so conform 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 sin and death.

**Risen Lord, we worship and adore you.**

Yours is the glory, risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that 'endless is the victory that you over death have won'. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Amen**

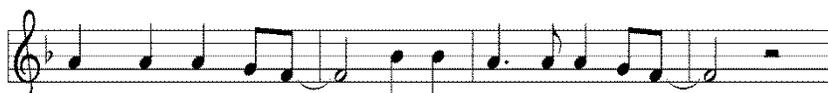
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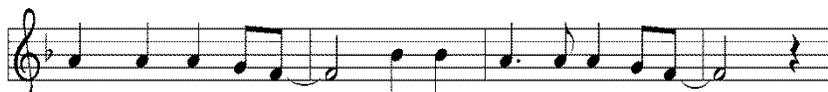
“Soon and Very Soon”  
Trumpet – Joseph Charlson



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*RESURRECTION LITANY**

Almighty, ever-living God, on this door-opening day ...

**... the stone is rolled away ...**

you raised your Son, Christ Jesus, to life. On this door-opening day ...

**... the gates of heaven are flung wide open ...**

you open eternity to all who believe. Satan is crushed underfoot.

**Death is destroyed, forever!**

Now, O Lord, open the doors to our graves ...

**that we may die every day to sin.**

And open the doors of opportunity ...

**that we may live your love.**

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now ...

**and forever. Amen.**

*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

**✠ GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God*

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*

(vs. 1,5) # 147

*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.*

*Hallelujah! Angels, sing!  
Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain  
which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above  
and on earth his peace and love!*

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***

*"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Acts 10:34–43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

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

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:19–26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

## **\*GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 24:1–12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

*"Celebrate the Risen Savior!"*

Pastor Bill Peters

**\*SONG OF THE DAY**

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

# 143

*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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## **\*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**

Gathered around Christ crucified and risen, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing.

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

**\*PREFACE**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC  
DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

*"Song Without Words"*

*Emily Charlson*

✠ **SENDING** ✠

*God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world*

**\*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.  
Amen.

**\*THREE-FOLD AMEN**

**\*RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

*(vs. 1,4) # 151*

*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!*

*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!*

**\*THE DISMISSAL**

He is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed!**

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

**Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed! Thanks be to God.**

✠ **THANKSGIVING** ✠

*God invites us to respond to His grace*

**OFFERING**

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**Postlude**

**Alleluia!  
Christ Jesus Is Risen Today!**

## A Happy Beginning

There's a way of talking about Easter that makes it sound a bit like a surprise happy ending that brings a scary and suspenseful storyline to its resolution. On one level that's true: Today is a day of joy! Death is defeated! This is the feast of victory of our God.

But if we think of today only as the final chapter in God's story of salvation, we may leave Easter Sunday worship the same way we leave a movie theater after a satisfying film: we take a deep breath, we let out a sigh perhaps, we say, "Well, that was great," and then we go back to our everyday lives. We go back to our grief. We go back to our fear about the future. We go back to a world where evil still seems to win.

Today is something different entirely. Easter is not a momentary interruption in the general order of things, a temporary reprieve from the heaviness of death. Far from wrapping things up or simply undoing the pain of Good Friday, the resurrection of Jesus Christ opens up a whole new way of living. It is not a "sigh" but an earthquake!

"But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them," Luke writes (24:11). It takes time for the full magnitude of the empty tomb to settle in. Like the apostles upon hearing the women's news, we can scarcely imagine what it means for us that God's love is stronger than death, and that every aspect of our life together—indeed, the entire cosmos!—is changed by this good news. That's why the church gives us fifty days to unpack this mystery, not just a single morning.

But one thing is for sure: Easter is not a happy ending so much as it is a new beginning. We who are baptized into Jesus Christ are free to live with death in the rearview mirror, no longer afraid of its power. Alleluia!

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