

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

The Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Day April 12, 2020

PRELUDE

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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RINGING OF THE BELL – DARKNESS TO LIGHT

HYMN

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!**

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

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

Amen.

*From the darkness of the grave—blood poured out, a crown of thorns:
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!*

Alleluia!

*From the triumph that is won over the power and fear of death:
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!*

Alleluia!

*Walking from the empty tomb, opening wide the gates of life:
Christ the Lord is risen to-day!*

Alleluia!

Let us pray:

Lord of life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that binds us to the world: pride, envy, anger, fear, the debt of sin that holds us here. Christ the Lord is risen to-day!

Alleluia!

Lord of life, You defeated death to demonstrate a love that is beyond our understanding; that reaches out even to me. Saving grace to all who hear. Christ the Lord is risen to-day!

Alleluia!

Lord of life, We pray for all who bring Your word of life as a light to those in darkness; for those who bring Your word of peace to those enslaved by fear; for those who bring Your word of love to those in need of comfort.

Lord of love and Lord of peace, Lord of resurrection life, be known through our lives and through Your power. Christ the Lord is risen to-day!

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**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!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 28:1-15

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped

him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

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

SONG *"Halle, Halle, Halle"*
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *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! 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.

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!

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

In your mercy, Hear us, Risen Lord.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of great gifts,

This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God and ask forgiveness for the sake of our crucified and risen Savior.

Risen and rising Lord, we confess that too often we live as though we had not been given new life in you. We muddle

after our own schemes. We follow after wayward leaders and cherish broken dreams. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we keep the good news of your resurrection to ourselves, hoard the blessings that you give and live as though we were still on the path of despair. Give us your Spirit, the spirit of new life, the spirit of joyful service, the spirit of loving care for all others around us. Make us truly Easter people in this broken world. Fill us with the Spirit so that we might overflow with the serving that proclaims your very presence with us.

I have the honor and privilege, by the grace of God, of announcing to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and free—free to share the steadfast love of God with all.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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BLESSING

SENDING HYM *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! He is living!"
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!**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Thanks be to God.**

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