

Easter Sunday



He Qi – Empty Tomb

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Jerry Lowe, Trumpet
Laura Torrence, Soloist
Rob Beyersdorf, Soloist
Daniel Pietruszka, Soloist

Easter Greeting

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Easter Anthem

“Resurrection Morning”

Rob Beyersdorf, Soloist

Prayer of Illumination

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the good news of your resurrection has turned our mourning into dancing, transformed our ashes of grief into fragrant oils of gladness, and re clothed us from suits of sadness into garments of joy. Continue to pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts, so that our whole being—body and mind and soul—joins all creation, singing praises of *Alleluia* to you forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn

“Day of Resurrection”

The First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Let's Talk!

Opening the Alleluias!

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

The Message

Hymn of the Day

"The Easter Song" (N. Herring)

The Apostles' Creed

L: Let us affirm our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

L: God of resurrection and new life, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, we come before you to pray for the needs of friends and families and for neighbors here and throughout our world.

A brief silence.

L: Into the light of Easter morning, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they stand against the Russian invasion of their country. May the light of Christ shine upon them.

C: May the light of Christ shine upon them.

L: Into the light of Easter morning, we raise those who are struggling with illness, with despair over their lives, or with the breakdown of relationships.

We especially pray for:

- Charles Carter
- Charliese Eichler
- Dave Goff
- Stephanie Gonzalez
- Fritz Haggerson
- Jessica Henderson
- Donnell Horton
- Karen Keys
- John Kivett
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Kevin McCoy
- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Chip Priser
- Jesse Priser
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Shannon Roberson

- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Debbie Vick
- Herbert Watson
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Jackson Grace, son of Dwayne Grace – died March 30
- Ray Matthews, Father of Jesse Priser – died on April 5
- Karen Keys, Cousin of Pastor Ward & his mom – died April 9

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: May the light of Christ shine upon them.

C: May the light of Christ shine upon them.

L: God of resurrection and new life, with faces touched by the light of a new day, and hearts warmed by our prayers and praises, may we be your Easter people as we live our lives in the world.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering *(Please sign and pass the pew pads)*

Offertory Song *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* Laura Torrence (8:30am)

Table Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, like Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the women at the tomb on the first Easter, we come out of our darkness and into the marvelous light of your resurrection. We come out of our emptiness to enter your fullness. We come out of our hopelessness to find your joy. Today, we come to your Table to celebrate your presence with us in the breaking of the bread and in the blessing of the cup.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

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.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

The Benediction

L: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Daniel Pietruszka, Soloist

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.