



He Qi – Empty Tomb

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

Gathering for Worship

Monologue – Mary Magdalene

Tracy Heberlig, reader

“I Thought By Now”

Laura Torrence, soloist

Monologue – Mary Magdalene

Tracy Heberlig, reader

“Resurrection Morning” *Traven Harrington, soloist*

Easter Greeting

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Hymn **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** Debbie Poovey, Handbells

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!

Proclaiming the Word

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Easter Prayer

L: Jesus Christ, we greet you! Your hands still have holes in them, your feet are still wet from the dew; and with the memory of our names undimmed by three days of death, you meet us, risen from the grave. We fail to understand how. We puzzle at the reason why. But, you have come: not to answer our questions, but to show us your face. You are alive and the world can rejoice again. Alleluia! Amen.

Opening the Alleluias!

Alleluia! Videos

The Easter Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 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.'" 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 Easter Message

"He Arose"

Carol Riddell, soloist

Prayers of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Sending God's People

The Benediction

L: 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"

Dismissal

Easter Greeting Videos

Alleluia!

He is Risen