

# Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Theme: Mary, the women and Peter were amazed and perplexed by the empty tomb. Clearly, Jesus' story is not finished.  
**He is alive!!**

## PRELUDE

*Le Rejouissance*

Handel

violin: Cathy Parker; violin: Maggie Fitzpatrick  
viola: Brooke Parker; cello: Claudia Fitzpatrick

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

This is the day that the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Give thanks to the Lord our God! **Whose steadfast love endures forever.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#365

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!

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together: **God of Life, You astounded the women at the tomb with the surprising news of Jesus' resurrection. May their awe and joy be ours as we also go out to spread the gospel of life and salvation, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen**

## FIRST READING:

Psalm 118:15-24

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

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Simple Gifts*

arr. Brackett

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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 CHURCH**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Risen Lord, **Hear our prayer**

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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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!

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!

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Hornpipe*

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Thank you Claudia, Maggie, Brooke, and Cathy for such beautiful music this morning!

