

## EASTER SUNRISE

He Is Risen!  
April 17, 2022  
6:30am

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### AS WE GATHER

Jesus is the Light of the World. On this morning, as dawn breaks upon the earth, we remember that first Day of Resurrection, where early before dawn our Lord Jesus Christ rose to life again. The Light of the World slain by the darkness of sin and death rose in victory to bring us salvation. So we pray to our victorious Lord: "Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church." The Day of Resurrection is just beginning! Let us keep the feast with sincerity and truth!

(Rise)

### SUNRISE WELCOME

Pastor: Awake sleeper rise from the dead.

**People: And Christ shall give thee light.**

Pastor: We attend now the rising of the sun.

**People: And the resurrection of our Lord.**

Pastor: Purify our minds by this Easter celebration.

**People: That we might be brought at last to eternity's dawning.**

Pastor: Dispel our darkness.

**People: Thou who art risen in glory.**

### HYMN OF AWAKING AND PROCESSIONAL

#### "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

Jesus Christ is risen 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!  
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### LITANY OF COMING

Pastor: We come slow of tongue.

**People: They crucified Him.**

Pastor: We come tired of foot.

**People: They buried Him.**

Pastor: We come weary of trying.

**People: It's a hard life.**

Pastor: We come sad about death.

**People: They sealed the tomb.**

Pastor: We come hopeful of heart.

**People: Spring is here.**

Pastor: We come seeking for life.

**People: The stone is rolled back.**

Pastor: We come wanting a miracle.

**People: The grave is empty.**

Pastor: We come filled with goodness, happy inside for HE IS RISEN

**People: HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!**

**HYMN #488****“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”**

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
 The gates of heav’n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,  
 And Satan’s arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell’s fiercest weapon.  
 O hear what cheer!  
 Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.  
 He was dead but now is living!

**INTROIT**

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.

**People: The Lord’s right hand is lifted high; the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!**

Pastor: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done

**People: The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**

Pastor: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**

Pastor: I will give thanks for you answered me; you have become my Salvation.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Sit)

**HYMN #478****“The Day of Resurrection”**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
 The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
 From death to life eternal, From sin’s dominion free,  
 Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright  
 The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
 And, list’ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 His own “All hail!” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav’ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
 Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
 Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
 For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
 All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
 Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne  
 And honor, pow’r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

**OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 19:23-27***

<sup>23</sup> “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God,<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:51-57*

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 20:1-18*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths 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 cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb,

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and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one 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> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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 Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for 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 that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

**HYMN #467** "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" Stanzas 1-5

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
Then to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.

This is a sight that gladdens What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

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Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow'r-less form, How-e'er it rave and storm.

The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

**SERMON** "He is Risen" **John 20:1-18**

**HYMN #467** "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" Stanza's 6-7

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:  
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."

(Rise)

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, please sign our fellowship folder located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, pass the folder to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle.

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us boldly approach the throne of God's grace, praying for the family of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**Pastor:** Lord God, on this glorious day, fill your people with a holy joy at the resurrection of your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave, but trust in the power of the promise of resurrection, rejoicing to live in the newness of life and the truth of your power to save. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Be with Matthew, our Synod president; John, our district president; and all our pastors, missionaries, and servants in Christ's church. Keep them faithful to deliver to your people the Gospel of your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** By your Spirit, move us to hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Bless leaders of the nations of our world to seek peace and rule for the good of the people. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Have mercy on the sick and those in any need especially Steve, Dorothy, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Marlene, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give us joy in your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Giver of every good gift, we thank you for the gift of marriage and rejoice with Mike and Sandy as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Bless them and all couples to live together in holy love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they may abide in the hope of His resurrection. Uphold them in faith as they await the day when you will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before you, dear Father, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

## EASTER AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**People: death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

**People: we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN #481 "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"

Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb  
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,  
Life un-eclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!

Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;  
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again our foes defeated!  
Where is your sting, O death and grave?  
Christ has shown His strength to save!

Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!  
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!  
Let there begin the jubilee- Christ has gained the victory!

## COMMON DISMISSAL

### CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love you have given your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit. Grant that the light of Christ shine in our hearts now and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

### HYMN #461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

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*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*