

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNRISE

Three Days!

April 20, 2025

AS WE GATHER

Three days can seem like an eternity. It must have felt that way to the disciples after Jesus had been crucified. All hope seemed to have vanished. Just a few days before, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in five days, He was crucified. Imagine what they went through as Jesus lay in the tomb. What makes you different from them? Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the promise Jesus made: on the third day He would—and did—rise again to life. Whatever you face in your life, you do it with the risen Lord by your side! Rejoice!

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

PRELUDE BELLS “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

(With High Delight Let Us Unite)” arr. Larry Sue

✠ PREPARATION ✠

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

(Rise and face the entrance to the church)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457 “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!

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 ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: the creator of all things, including a plan to save fallen humanity;

Pastor: and of His ✠Son, Jesus,

People: who redeemed us from the curse of the Law by dying on the cross and was raised to life again on the third day;

Pastor: and in the name of the Holy Spirit,

People: who brings us to faith and keeps us steadfast in the faith. Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Christ is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,

People: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Pastor: Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?

People: Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.

Pastor: What then is your hope?

People: My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.

Pastor: Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and sin no more.”
Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend
your sinful life?

**People: Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life,
turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to
lead a life that glorifies God.**

Pastor: Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: as
a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive
you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit. Christ is Risen!

People: Amen! He is risen indeed!

✠WORD✠

INTROIT

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and
his rider He has thrown into the sea.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my
salvation.**

Pastor: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD,
shatters the enemy.

**People: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed; You have guided them by your strength to your holy
abode.**

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place,
O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord,
which your hands have established.

People: The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**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.**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

People: the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

HYMN #480

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, you turned sadness and gloom into everlasting
joy through your resurrection on the third day. Thank you for changing
hopelessness to the greatest hope of all—sadness to gladness,
heartbreak to knowing. Because of your resurrection, our resurrection
and life eternal is not something we just wish for but have obtained by
believing in what you have done; for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 19:23–27* (Job predicts he will be raised to life
and there will be a resurrection.)

²³ “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ Oh
that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵ For I
know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And
after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ 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* (We do not have to fear death because Jesus' resurrection gives us the victory by faith in Christ.) ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² 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. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ 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." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ 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.

CHOIR *"He Is Risen, Alleluia"*

(Rise)

VERSE

Lector: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

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

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:1–18* (John gives us a firsthand account of the resurrection of Jesus.)

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. ² 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." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' ^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

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⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ 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." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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.'" ¹⁸ 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.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN #461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Sts. 1–6

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.

SERMON "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Job 19:23-27

(Rise)

HYMN #461 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Sts. 7-8

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!

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

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, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

BELLS "Jesus shall Reign (I Know That My Redeemer Lives)" arr. Larry Sue

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **We know that if we ask anything in your name and according to your will, you will not only hear our prayer but you promise to answer it.**

Pastor: Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of you, we lay before your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.

People: **You not only sacrificed your life for our sins on the cross, but you defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before you, offering our thanks, praise, and service to you.**

Pastor: We pause to remember the events of the third day:

People: **The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.**

Pastor: In each case, you brought joy to those circumstances.

People: **Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what you did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of love, we rejoice with Sandy and Mike as they celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.

People: **Help them to count their blessings every day and live in holy love and grace.**

Pastor: We remember before your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of your care, especially Katherine, Wendy, Jack, Kay, Rhonda, Harland, Liz, Jerry, June, Carole, Audrey, Janice, David, Helga, Dick, Margie, Anna, Charlene, Marlene, Ardis, Noah, Guy, Mike, Jill, Janet, Cathy and Sarah.

People: **We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;

People: **Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to you, almighty God. Care for them as only you can. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others.
People: We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor: We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.
People: As you showed grace to the thief on the cross, show your grace to those imprisoned who do not know you. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.
Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.
People: We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the third day raised Him back to life. Because He was raised, we believe we also shall be raised; because He can no longer die, we believe we will be raised to life eternal through faith in Him. Therefore, with the women at the tomb, John and Peter, all who saw Him raised back to life, along with angels and archangels, we praise and glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #465 "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! Christ has triumphed!"
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!

O 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!

HYMN #633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast--Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, for giving us this Meal and celebrating it on the third day, even as He promised. We thank you for giving us pardon and peace by your Son's true body and blood. Help us live and ever be guided by your Holy Spirit, that we might bring forth the fruits of faith, and finally on the Last Day, be seated with Abraham and Isaac at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit are 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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL 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!

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