

Resurrection of the Lord

April 4th 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: We gather this day as a community of faith,
trusting in God's renewing promises.

All: We gather to celebrate that darkness can never overcome light.

One: We gather remembering that love is far greater than fear,
life will forever be more powerful than death,
and that peace will always be stronger than violence.

All: We gather as people of faith in the light of God's world.

One: Let us worship our God!

Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (vrs 1)

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Friends, God raises us up to new life through the power and joy of Christ's resurrection. In the mysteries of our faith—the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy—we find the promise of forgiveness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God,

**in raising Jesus from the grave
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and avoid those who mourn.**

**We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and ignore calls for peace.**

**We despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord,
in whose name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Sisters and brothers, there is wonderful Good News to be proclaimed this and every day:

All: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Response

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

Listening to the Word

Prayer for Illumination [not printed in the bulletin]

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, that in the hearing of your word we may receive new life. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain,

the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.

⁷He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death^[a] forever.

The LORD God will wipe tears from every face;

he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹They will say on that day,

"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Psalm Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever.

²Let Israel say it:

“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”

¹⁴The LORD was my strength and protection;
he was my saving help!

¹⁵The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance
are heard in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s strong hand is victorious!

¹⁶The LORD’s strong hand is ready to strike!

The LORD’s strong hand is victorious!”

¹⁷I won’t die—no, I will live

and declare what the LORD has done.

¹⁸Yes, the LORD definitely disciplined me,

but he didn’t hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open the gates of righteousness for me

so I can come in and give thanks to the LORD!

²⁰This is the LORD’s gate;

those who are righteous enter through it.

²¹I thank you because you answered me,

because you were my saving help.

²²The stone rejected by the builders

is now the main foundation stone!

²³This has happened because of the LORD;

it is astounding in our sight!

²⁴This is the day the LORD acted;

we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

Sharing Faith with Children

Anthem

An Easter Carol Tarbox/Pethel

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus’ dead body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, “Who’s going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) ⁵Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. ⁶But he said to them, “Don’t be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn’t here. Look, here’s the place where they laid him. ⁷Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you.” ⁸Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Responding to the Word

Hymn (*Sing the Faith* #2115)

Christ Is Risen (vrs 1)

HOLY MANNA

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and
as he promised, as we doubted
and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm
the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Affirmation of Faith

Church Creed

Sharing our Prayers

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

Sharing the Feast

Prayer After Communion

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Charge & Benediction

Blessing

Postlude