

# **Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026

9 am



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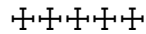
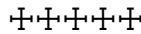
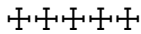
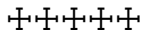
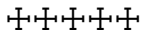
We welcome all guests this morning.  
We are very pleased to have you worship with us.  
All are welcome to receive communion.

Easter Breakfast and egg hunt to follow the service.  
Everyone is welcome! Come join us!

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**PRELUDE** **Jesus Shall Reign**  
**A Day to Rejoice (Hand Bells)**  
**Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Hand Bells)**

**Hatton, Kelley**  
**Mazzatenta**  
**arr. Larson**

**INVOCATION** P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: We confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN** **Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (Verses 1-3)**

**ELW 365**

### **INVOCATION**

P: May 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Verses 1-3)**

**ELW 367**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**    **An Antiphonal Easter Alleluia (Easter & Children's Choirs)**                      **Raney**

## FIRST READING

### Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

## SECOND READING

### Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ~ *please stand if able*

Adoring praises now we bring,  
And with the heav'n-ly blessed sing:

**ELW 367 vs. 4**

"Christ has triumphed! Al-le-lu-ia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,

"All the glory, never ending!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew... **Glory to you O Lord**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Wayne Gallipo**

**HYMN Thine is the Glory**

**ELW 376**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** Response: Merciful God...**Receive our Prayer**

**PEACE**

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY Viola Solo**

**Bryce McGlaughlin**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**c:** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.      **C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.      **C:** We lift them unto the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right....

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P:** On the night in which he was betrayed ... for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes again.

**C:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## FRACTION AND INVITATION

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

*We practice "open communion" at St. John. ALL are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving sacrament. Those not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. As you are given the bread and wine an appropriate response is "Amen." Please be respectful of this meditative time within our worship.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

**Alleluia, Jesus is Risen**

**ELW 377**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**ELW 855**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**

**ELW 385**

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: 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.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **SENDING HYMN     Jesus Christ Is Risen Today     (Verse 4 Only)**

**ELW 365**

Sing we to Our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise eternal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!

Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE     Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Beethoven, Beaney**