



# Easter Sunday

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*Welcome!* Words in **bold** are said together.

## *Call to Worship*

*Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: 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.*

## *Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Look, here is water! C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!*

*L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. Look, here is water!*

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C: Amen.*

*L: Look, here is water! C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!*

## *Gathering Hymn [intro] – Jesus Christ is Risen Today #365*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. 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!
3. 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!
4. 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!

***Prayer of the Day — Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

## *Scripture Readings*

Acts 10:34-43 p. 895

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 p. 492

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

**<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; <sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**<sup>18</sup>The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 p. 935

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 16:1-8 p. 829

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### *Children's Message*

#### *Sermon*

David Ingram

#### *Hymn of the Day – I Know that My Redeemer Lives #619 v. 1-4*

1. 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!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. 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.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessing to impart.

#### *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 Christian 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 God's People*

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy," please respond: **hear our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

### *Offering*

#### *Offering Hymn – Jesus Loves Me #595*

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

*Refrain:* Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *(refrain)*

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die, He will take me home on high. *(refrain)*

***Offering Prayer – Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.***

#### *Christ's Words of Institution and Communion (continuous)*

*L: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.*

#### *Post Communion Prayer*

*L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.*

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

#### *Announcements*

- Voting today on new mission statement
- Thanks to Dixie Keil for updating our photo board 😊
- Apr-May-Jun devotional books now available
- April Newsletter in bookrack/on website
- Coming up: April 26-28 Synod Assembly; May 10 Agape Dinner

*Closing Hymn – Special Music*

*Blessing*

*L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

*L: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. C: Amen.*

*Dismissal*

*L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!*

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