



Easter!
Resurrection!
Alleluia!

Spiritual Communion
in the body of Christ

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interactive worship online

St. Thomas Deaf Church, St. Louis

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Stand for the Cross & Easter Acclamation

Priest Alleluia! Christ risen – PAH!
People Christ risen – PAH! Alleluia!

~Linford Dilks, our crucifer

Hymn: The strife is o'er, the battle won!

1 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;
he rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head.
Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heaven's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee.
Alleluia!

Final Ending:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

~ signed by Lee Holland

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Highlights:

- God sees all people equal. Country, tribe, race... doesn't-matter. Anyone respecting God, their actions righteous, God accepts, appreciates.
- God chose & anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit grace & power. Jesus went around doing good, healing sick people, saving people the devil hurt, caring for oppressed people.
- God truly WITH Jesus, but they killed him.
- Three days later God raised Jesus.
- God chose US to see Jesus, eat & drink with him and inform other people: Jesus Himself truly Christ.
- Everyone believing, trusting, connecting Christ, Through His name & power: their sins forgiven.
- All faithful people their sins He will forgive & throw away.

~ full text signed by Emily Friedberg

Psalm 118 – part 1

Highlights in verses 1-2 & 14-16

- God's loving kindness never stops.
- The Lord saved me & inspires me strong.
- The Lord strength helps soldiers win wars.

~full text signed by Charlie Weir

Psalm 118 – part 2

Highlights in verses 17-21

- My life's saved.
- In the past the Lord punished me,
but didn't let me die.
- The temple gates I will enter & thank HIM.

~full text signed by Sharon Dilks

Psalm 118 – part 3

Highlights in verses 22-24 (*esp. good for architects*)

- Imagine workers building.

A stone they examine, reject.

- BUT NOW understand: that same stone
truly most important – cornerstone!

- This day the Lord succeeded PAH!

We rejoice!

people copy:

Glory honoring Father, Son, Holy Spirit, 3-in-1 God.

Since. Now. Always ever. ⇔same⇔. Amen.

~full text signed by Robert Hartzog

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Highlights

- You baptized? Your old life died!
- God truly raised-resurrected you with Christ, so act like it.
- Focus not on earthly things, but on spiritual things.
- NOW your life with Christ truly hidden inside God.
- When Christ appears, your true self will appear.

~full text signed by Scott Mady

Gospel: John , part 1

Highlights

- MaryM went-to the tomb. Surprise! Rock is pushed aside. She runs & tells other disciples.
- Peter & “the disciple Jesus loved” race and enter the tomb, which is empty except for burial cloths.
- They leave, but MaryM stays.

~full text signed by Ron Selinger

Gospel: John , part 2

Highlights

- Angels!
- MaryM thinks she sees the gardener.
- When Jesus says her Name, she calls him “Rabbouni!” “my teacher.”
- He tells her “Don’t hold on to me. Tell the disciples: I’m going up to my & your Father^{God.}”

~full text signed by Melissa Render

Reflection: This Easter is perfect.

Main ideas:

- The first Easter: all Jesus' friends are afraid and confused. All their hopes seem lost.
- Now this COVID time, similar. Many plans, hopes, dreams seem lost.
- Do we have the bravery of MaryMagdalene to stick around, to be honest about our grief, to look again when we may have missed something... ?
- Maybe Jesus resurrection happened fast, but his friends needed time to figure it out.
- Keep your eyes and mind and heart open. Look for new life after every loss and death.

~rev. emily

Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today

All the people sign Alleluia at end of each line.



Jesus Christ is risen today ! **Alleluia!**
Our holy day victory ! **Alleluia!**
One time long-ago-ago —
the cross Jesus suffered saving us. **Alleluia!**

We praise & sing **Alleluia!**
Praise ↗Christ, our heavenly King, **Alleluia!**
Cross & grave ↗HE suffered through, **Alleluia!**
For us sinners —precious— save. **Alleluia!**

The pains ↗HE suffered... ^{success} PAH! **Alleluia!**
Us ↗HE saved finished. **Alleluia!**
Now the sky above ↗HE's King, **Alleluia!**
Angels ^{up-} ↗there always sing: **Alleluia!**

~signed by Jennie Rose Blank

Prayers of the People

Please use “gallery view” to see as many people as possible.

⌘ We pray for people sick, scared, broke, alone, depressed or any kind of trouble, for all who've died & all who mourn.

PAUSE: share prayers by signing or typing in chat.

⌘ For people on our prayer list, people we heard rumors about them or conversations.

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⌘ For our local communities, nation and world; for our leaders and for medical workers, and all people working harder now. And people who can't work.

PAUSE: share prayers by signing or typing in chat.

⌘ For God's Church all over the world: members, leaders, strangers & seekers, and the Church mission – what: bless the world.

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~led by Rob Hartzog

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.



~led by Lee Holland

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Priest The Lord truly with ⇌you⇨.

People **Also with you.**

Priest ⇌Your⇨ hearts – lift up.

People **Lift ↗^{up} to the Lord.**

Priest Let's thank the Lord our God.

People **Truly right: thank & praise ↗.**

Lord, NOW somewhere faithful people belonging YOUR Church celebrate Holy Eucharist. With them unified, we desire praise & thank ↗^{YOU}. Our souls & bodies, whole selves, we offer ↗^{YOU}, truly wanting always united ↗^{YOU}.

Now we YOUR Sacrament receive can't.

Instead YOUR Spirit we beg & invite into ^{our} hearts.

We unite^{-with} ↗^{YOU}. With all our souls we embrace-love YOU.

Let nothing separate ↘[↗] (us).

Let us live in YOU, and YOU live in us,

both now this life and next life future. *Amen.*

~rev emily

Hymn: Hail Thee Festival Day

All the people copy sign the last verse together.

Welcome Easter celebration!

This day HE blesses — Today holy always ever.

Today Christ ^{death}stands^{rises}.

Death broken! We're free!

Outside look around!

ago/past: winter-death.

But now: earth awakes *beautiful!*

Every good gift in HIS created earth

now with our Lord comes again.

ago/past: Jesus crucified.

But now: Jesus Himself God—All things controls;

Every flower, plant, animal

—every thing living here: earth— all worship Him.

People Copy: **Welcome Easter celebration!**

This day HE blesses — Today holy always ever.

Today Christ arose. Death broken! We're free!



~signed by Jane Early

Blessing & Dismissal & Peace

*Our understanding is limited. God's Peace is beyond!
Let HIS peace keep your hearts & minds knowing & loving
God and HIS Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and
God Almighty: Father, Son & Holy Spirit,
bless and remain with you forever. **Amen.***

Priest Go love & serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People **Thanks, God! Alleluia!**

*The people pass the Lord's peace,
greet each other, and say goodbye.*