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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

8 A.M.

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Please join us for Easter Breakfast at 8-9:45 a.m.

Our regular Easter Service begins at 10 a.m.

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The Easter Greeting

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Opening Prayer

L: O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him who died and rose again for us. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting! (*refrain*)

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. (*refrain*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know its true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

(refrain)

I love to tell the story, I'll sing this theme in glory
and tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; how pleasant to repeat,
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story, that I have loved so long.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹Now 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. ²So 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.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” — and that he had said these things to her.

Easter Message

Mark Joblinske



First Reading: Exodus 14:10-15:1

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” ¹⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.” ¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. ²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.” ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Psalm 118:15-29

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

¹⁶**“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”**

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸**The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.**

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**“This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.”**

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Hosannah, LORD, hosannah!
LORD, send us now success.

²⁶**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸**“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior Divine;
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee,
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life’s dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold, sullen stream
shall o’er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
Oh bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.