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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, April 5th, 2026

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Resurrection of the Lord

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Perfect Praise” (O Lord, How Excellent)

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andréa Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “Because He Lives” - #281 AAHH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: Almighty God, by the power of your
Spirit, roll away the stone and reveal to us the Word of Life.
Amen.***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6: At that time, says the LORD, I
will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my
people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the
sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for
rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved
you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my
faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be
built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with your
tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall
be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:***

Mark your Calendar

***Announcements? If you have an announcement or prayer
request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.***

***Ready to Join Zion? Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.***

“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

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The Word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

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Psalm 118:14-29

Ps. 118:26
William Mathias

RESPONSE 1 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

***Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation~ “He Decided to Die”

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 28:1 -10: After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 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.”

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**
- ¹⁴ *The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.*
- ¹⁵ **There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”
- ¹⁶ *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.*
- ¹⁷ **The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.**
- ¹⁸ *Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*
- ¹⁹ **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. R**

Proclamation: Dr. Cummings

Prayers of the People: Response – God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Holy Baptism: The Baptismal Covenant II~ pgs. 39-44

Confession & Pardon~ pg. 8 UMH

Great Thanksgiving & Holy Communion~ Dr. Cummings

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

Benediction~ Dr. Cummings

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen.



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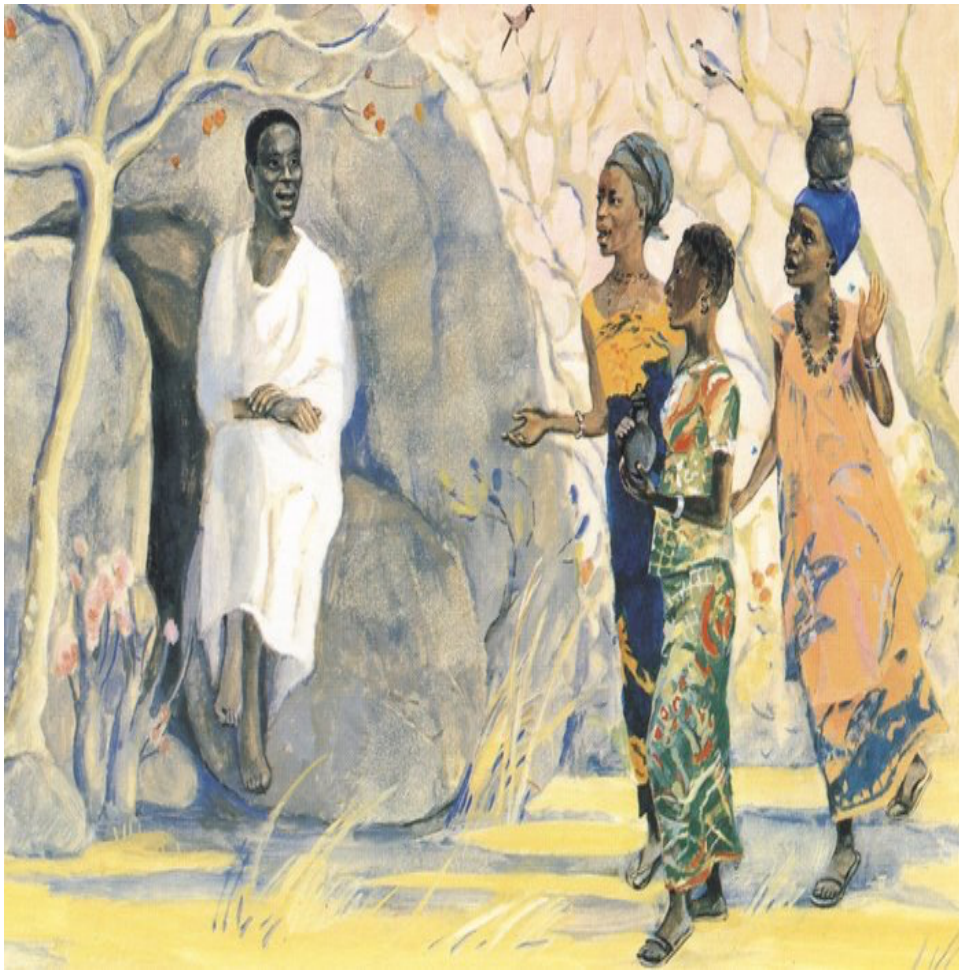
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