Jesus Christ is risen today.

ALLELUIA!

Easter Festival Service—April 4, 2021
Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day  
Festival Service of Holy Communion – Setting Four  
April 4, 2021—10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION
Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God’s unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.  
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for our rivers and lakes.  
We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman’s thirst with living water.  
We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.  
We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus’ death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.  
We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG  
“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”  
Hymn 365

EASTER GREETING  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**FIRST READING**

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, so that God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name would reach out to all people.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how 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. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not 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. 42He 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. 43All 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.

**PSALM**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

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

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

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

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM

“Alleluia! He Lives!”

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

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, 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.

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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (verses 1-2)  Hymn 619

GOSPEL
The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus’ body]. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But 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. 7But 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.” 8So 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (verses 7-8)  Hymn 619

SERMON  Pastor Wade Roof

HYMN OF THE DAY  “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”  Hymn 382

CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
...Hear us, O God. 
Your mercy is great.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
OFFERING

ANTHEM "Alleluia, O Praise the Lord Most Holy" Bach

OFFERTORY HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 885

OFFERING PRAYER
God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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HYMN "Be Not Afraid" Hymn 388

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN "Be Not Afraid" Hymn 388

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN "Be Not Afraid" Hymn 388

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION
COMMUNION SONG  p. 154
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG  "Thine is the Glory"  Hymn 376

DISMISSAL
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers. The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Patsy Gambrell in honor of Pete & Summer Insabella’s anniversary on April 11th and in memory of Berry Gambrell, a loving husband and father.

Processional Cross Flowers. The Processional Cross Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tammy O’Quinn in honor of Bruce & Carol Busbee; Tina & Leah Conrad; Brennan, Emily & Heath Hutto; Susan Hyde; Mattie O’Quinn; and Brandon Pugh.

Bulletin Covers. The Bulletin Covers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection and in memory of Wayne Smith, Jane Eubanks and Penny Timmerman.
Lord Teach Us To Pray:
As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: JoEllen Anderson, Rachel Bundrick, Leah Conrad, Cathy Crawford, Emma Lou Easley, Florence Evans, Ed Fuson, James Hook, Matthew Hook, Michael Hook, Sue Jones, Brittany Looby, Lib Manus, Vicki McFarland, Rick Myers, Tripp Owen, Nellie Phillips, Kristen Pittman, Harry Prim, Rosemary Roddy, Scott Shull, Keny Skenes, Boyd Steele, Kristen Stockton, Charlie Taylor, Taylor Wilson, Todd Wilson.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:
Melvin Manus.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:
Judith Gilmetti, Anne Moye, Linda Goodson, Isabelle Sundlie, Bill Hunnicutt.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:
Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, John Post.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:
Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews, Bernd Koehler, John Ward.

The Family Of:
Penny Timmerman, Tripp Hatley, Jane Eubanks, Mike Shaffer, Christopher Holmes.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.
The Palms are given to the Glory of God...
In honor of Anne Moye for her 95th birthday by Richie & Irelou Moye.

The Pots of Greenery are given to the Glory of God...
In memory of Harold & Emma Nelson by Gayle Nelson.
In memory of Cathy Sox by Chris & Kayla Sox.

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God...
In memory of A.J. & Helen Culpepper by Laurie Culpepper.
In memory of Tally & Irene Roof by Laurie Culpepper.
In memory of Ira & Lois Shealy by Nancy S. Allen.
In memory of Linda Vallejo by Fred Vallejo.
In memory of Cathy Sox by Mary Sox.
In memory of Jean Titus by Lee & Joyce Riley.
In memory of Rudy & Becky Jones by Jeannie, Drewby & Becca McQuillen.
In memory of Freddie Fulmer by Shannon Lackey.
In memory of Jarvis & Arlene Klapman and Linda Vallejo by Tommy & Janet Smith.
In memory of Jarvis & Arlene Klapman, Horry & Nancy Wessinger, and Linda Vallejo by Randy & Elizabeth Klapman.
In memory of Mommy & Poppy by The Grands and The Great Grands.
In memory of Big Momma & Big Daddy by The Grands and The Great Grands.
In memory of Mammy & Grandy by Acy, Bob, Betsy, Rachel, Anna, Rebekah & Roxanne.
In memory of Robert “Bob” Wise by Gale McLeod.
In memory of Wayne Mattern by Sharon Mattern.
In memory of David Mattern by Sharon Mattern.
In memory of David Epting by Sharon Mattern.
In honor of Sarah & Danny by Sharon Mattern.
In honor of Julie Epting by Sharon Mattern.
In honor of Ed, Kim, Frazier, Cooper & Jensen Redmond and Eric & Natalie Smith by Tommy & Janet Smith.
In honor of Pops & Gigi by Little Joe, Barbara & Georgia.
In honor of Barbie & Ken by Little Joe, Barbara & Georgia.
In honor of our Contemporary Musicians by Gale McLeod.
In honor of Debra Morris with love by Court & Baker Morris.
In honor of Jenny Wright given anonymously.
In honor of Daniel, Clark, Brett and Lyndsey by Keith & Beth Branham.
In honor of Gale McLeod by Clark & Lyndsey Ebener and Beth Branham.
In honor of Irelou Moye by Clark & Lyndsey Ebener and Beth Branham.
In honor of all the dedicated musicians at the contemporary worship service by Clark & Lyndsey Ebener and Beth Branham.
In thanksgiving for the love and support from her church family at Mt. Tabor by Sarah Whitehead.
Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor
Mrs. Elise Helms, Interim Choir Director
Mrs. Jenny Wright, Guest Musician

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation
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