

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

9:00am Service

PRELUDE “Christ Is Arisen, Christ the Lord Is Risen Again”, setting by Wilbur Held.
“Alleluja”, WA Mozart. “The Heavens are Telling”, J Haydn arr. by E. Mischler.
“Easter Chimes”, Charles Demorest. Piano/Organ Duet

GREETING

P: CHRIST IS RISEN!
All: CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!
All: ALLELUIA!

THE WORD OF THE DAY

HYMN “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW #365, vs 1 - 4, with Brass

1. Jesus Christ is ris’n 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’n-ly 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 you heav’n-ly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

P: 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: God of Easter...The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Death no longer defines life and life itself has been redefined. Resurrection is real! Help us take that in this day... deep within our own bones and feel the fresh rebirth of hope, of life, of your radical promise of forever ...not just for a people...but for all people...including us. Amen.

Stand

EASTER GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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.

REFLECTION

ANTHEM “On the Third Day” Peace Choir, Brass and Handbells

Stand

EASTER GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389, vs. 1, 2, 5 with Brass

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound,
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev’ry place and time.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev’ry age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Stand

EASTER GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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 Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

“Alleluja” by Mozart

Peace Brass

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

COMMUNION

COMMUNION INVITATION

All are welcome. Everyone. We believe that this is Christ's meal and he offers it for all. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine nourishing us with forgiveness, love and new life. The bread being served is gluten free, dairy free, and nut free. If you prefer a gluten free wafer, we have that available too. When you receive the bread/wafer, you dip it into either the wine or the grape juice. If you forget to dip before you place it in your mouth, simply ask for another piece of the bread. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and the bread. We also have jars in the narthex with wafers and wine for those who prefer to commune in place. This is Christ's table and everyone has a place here.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW #367 vs. 1, 2, 3 with Brass

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"Thine is the Glory"

ELW #376, vs. 1, 2

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
2. 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!
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

