

# EASTER SUNDAY

April 12, 2020  
10:00 AM Service  
Holy Communion



# ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!



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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Easter Hymn*

H. Willan

*Symbols in the Bulletin:* **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader

THE GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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**C**

***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

***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!***

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⓞ The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### THE GATHERING PRAYER

- Ⓟ We gather in the name of our Easter God:
- Ⓞ **Our Risen Lord transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.**
  
- Ⓟ We rejoice in the power of our Easter God:
- Ⓞ **Our Father's love redeems every Good Friday nightmare into the promise of eternal life.**
  
- Ⓟ We embrace the purposes of our Easter God:
- Ⓞ **The Holy Spirit challenges us to leave tomb-like safety and invites us to live our faith boldly.**
  
- Ⓟ We are Easter people:
- Ⓞ **We are a sign that indeed miracles happen, and that with God, all things are possible.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Easter Gloria

1 Lord our God and heavenly King, migh - ty Fa - ther : you we praise,  
 2 Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son, Lord of all and Lamb of God;  
 3 High - est praise to you we sing, Tri - une God in heaven - ly light;

you we wor - ship and we thank, Al - le - lu - ias now we raise!  
 all cre - a - tion freed from sin, grace comes from your Shep - herd's rod.  
 in the Spi - rit's pow'r and love, all the world in glo - ry bright.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

Christ is our sal - va - tion! Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a peace to eve - ry na - tion!

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray...

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Jeremiah 31:1-6 • Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 • Colossians 3:1-4 •  
Matthew 28:1-15a

**The First Reading:**

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 31...*

At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.

The Lord proclaims: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness. As Israel searched for a place of rest, the Lord appeared to them from a distance: I have loved you with a love that lasts forever. And so with unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself.

Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel. Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy.

Again, you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; farmers will plant and then enjoy the harvests.

The time will come when the watchmen shout from the highlands of Ephraim: "Get ready! We're going up to Zion to the Lord our God!"

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

***Give thanks for God is good, God's love is steadfast, sure;  
Let Israel confess, "God's love Forever will endure."***

***God is my strength and song, The Savior I have found;  
Now from the tents of all the just There comes triumphant sound:***

***"The right hand of the Lord Has gained the victory!  
The right hand of the Lord has won, Has triumphed gloriously!"***

***This is the Lord's own work And marvelous to see;  
The Lord has acted on this day, We praise God's victory.***

### The Second Reading:

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Colossians, chapter 3...*

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You 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 the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## The Easter Gospel

📖 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

👉 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

📖 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb.

Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn’t here, because he’s been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, ‘He’s been raised from the dead. He’s going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.’ I’ve given the message to you.”

With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there.”

Now as the women were on their way, some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. They met with the elders and decided to give a large sum of money to the soldiers. They told them, “Say that Jesus’ disciples came at night and stole his body while you were sleeping. And if the governor hears about this, we will take care of it with him so you will have nothing to worry about.” So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

Becky Robbins-Penniman

***God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!***

***God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!***

***God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals in justice, kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!***

#### THE NICENE CREED

**☐ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**☐ Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered all people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.**

- Ⓘ Risen Lord, we pray for your Church, that it may continue your work of reconciling all people to God; for our clergy and our bishops; for the many lay people who serve the church and serve others through the church.
- ☩ **We pray for all gathered here in worship and prayer, here and around the world.**
- Ⓘ Risen Lord, we pray that the joy of Easter may ever grow within us and the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may cease.
- ☩ **We pray that a passion for justice, peace, and the common good will fill each of our hearts, and for the Spirit to guide us in lives of active faith.**
- Ⓘ Risen Lord, we pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, and those who struggle, [especially for... *add names from notebook*]. Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] Comfort, restore and heal them.
- ☩ **We pray that the troubles facing us will teach us that we endure nothing alone, but that you are always present, creating, redeeming and sustaining us every step of our journey through life.**
- Ⓘ Risen Lord, we give thanks for the multitude of gifts you shower upon us, for the beauty of this home you have created for us, and especially for the flowers given today to your glory, and for the blessings of this life, [especially... *read items from notebook*.] Grant us a sense of joy and wonder in all your works.
- ☩ **We give thanks for our lives and the lives of our families, friendships, and neighbors near and far, and praise you for your mercy and care for us.**
- Ⓘ Risen Lord, we pray for those who have died, [especially for... *add names from notebook*.] Please name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] May the hope born of Easter give both them and us peace, acceptance and renewal.
- ☩ **Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

- Ⓘ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.** (*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*)



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. Bring your tithes, gifts and offerings with a heart full of gladness.

### OFFERTORY

*The Call (Mystical Songs)*

R. Vaughan Williams

### PRESENTATION

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*Were the Whole Realm of Nature Mine*

474, vs. 4

***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER [Enriching Our Worship 1]

- ☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

- ☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

- ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

- ☐ It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with Angels and Archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***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. Hosanna in the highest.***

- ☐ Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

**P** Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

**P** On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**P** As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**P** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit + and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

**P** Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All** **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

☐ Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.

☑ **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**

☐ The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE CHANT

*Laudate Dominum*

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.  
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!***

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ Let us pray...

☑ **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

☐ The God who is creating a new heaven and a new earth, who walks where least expected, who disturbs the comfortable and comforts the distressed, and whom death could not control, now sends you out to announce with your lives that the Lord is risen indeed. Go, you are blessed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection!*

H 210

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.***

***Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain  
his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.***

***Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.***

## THE DISMISSAL

☐ Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Risen Lord!

☑ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata, Symphonie V*

C.M. Widor

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carey Cherivtch
Lectors	Dawn Gordon
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