

March 31, 2024 ~ Easter Sunrise Worship

6:30 a.m.

congregational responses are in bold.

Meet in the quiet of the morning

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

- P 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].
- C ²**And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.**
- P ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"
- C ⁴**When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.**
- P ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.
- C ⁶**But 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.**
- P 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."
- C ⁸**So 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.**
- P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MUSIC

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

Song by Matt Maher

**I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen One
I believe, I overcome
By the power of His blood**

**Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the One that never ends
Because He lives**

**I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name**

He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the One that never ends

Because He lives

I can face tomorrow

Because He lives

Every fear is gone

I know

He holds

My life

My future in His hands

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Amen, Amen

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives

Amen, Amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

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WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P People of God, in the baptismal waters
we traveled with Christ from death to life.

C **Our past, sin, failure, and doubt,
are drowned and gone here.**

**Our fear, confusion, self-righteousness, and despair,
are washed away by grace.**

**Our pride, hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us
no longer define us.**

P The Spirit lives and moves through us now,
a great and joyful mystery,
so we may bring love and mercy into the world
as the body of Christ.

C Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace,
fellow brothers and sisters in Jesus,
not by our own doing or believing
but by God's mercy alone.

P As we begin worship
we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism
that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.
And all God's people said:

C Amen!

HYMN NO. 376

"Thine is the Glory"

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 grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

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! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- L ¹Now 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,
- C ²**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.**
- L ³For 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,
- C ⁴**and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**
- L ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.
- C ⁷**Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.**
- L ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
- C ⁹**For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.**
- L ¹⁰But 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.
- C ¹¹**Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.**
- L The Word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

- L Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- C **Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy endures forever."
- L The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- C **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- L The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- C **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the Lord.
- L The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- C **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
- L "This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."
- C **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.
- L The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

L The Word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Nathaniel Allen

HYMN NO. 391

"This Joyful Eastertide"

**1 This joyful Eastertide,
 away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified,
 has sprung to life this morrow.**

Refrain

**Had Christ, who once was slain,
 not burst his three-day prison,
 our faith had been in vain.
 But now has Christ arisen,
 arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**2 My flesh in hope shall rest
 and for a season slumber
 till trump from east to west
 shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain***

**3 Death's flood has lost its chill
 since Jesus crossed the river.
 Lover of souls, from ill
 my passing soul deliver. *Refrain***

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

APOSTLES '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 power of 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

L Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Lord God,

C **You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
For your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
In Jesus name,
Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

"This is Amazing Grace"

by Phil Whickham

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings**

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for

All that You've done for me
All that You've done for me

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of great gifts:

C This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks!
With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace!
We joyfully present these gifts to you,
a tangible chorus of thanksgiving,
a harmony of hope for your kingdom come!
Amen.

COMMUNION - GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, 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 praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.

Now the Green Blade Rises"

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L 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.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P May the living God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and keep you and make you shine with joy. May God raise up new life in you, and give you peace, for the sake of Jesus, Lord of Life! Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

- 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'nly 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'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**