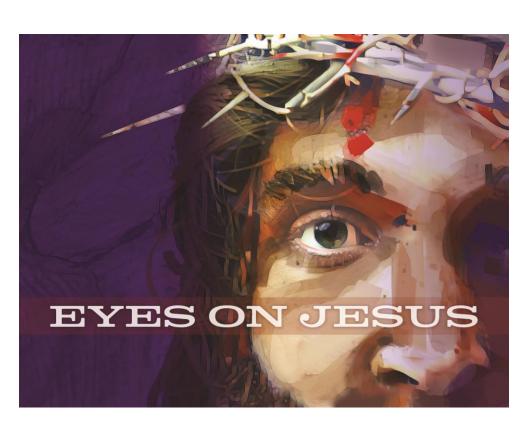


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Eyes on Jesus: Angel Eyes

As We Gather

Early on Easter morning, the angel, which means "messenger," announced what he knew to be true: the tomb was empty because Christ had risen. The women were initially overcome with fear, as anyone would be if confronted by a holy herald from God. Their physical eyes would not see our Lord until He revealed Himself. But we have been given the angel's eyes, as it were, for by faith we see our Lord with us now. The news the angel proclaimed is too good to keep to ourselves. As God's messengers today, it is our turn to tell the world that He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Worship +

Christ Is Arisen

Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison. So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

Were Christ not arisen, then death were still our prison.

Now, with Him to life restored, we praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

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Invocation

 $label{P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $lap{+}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

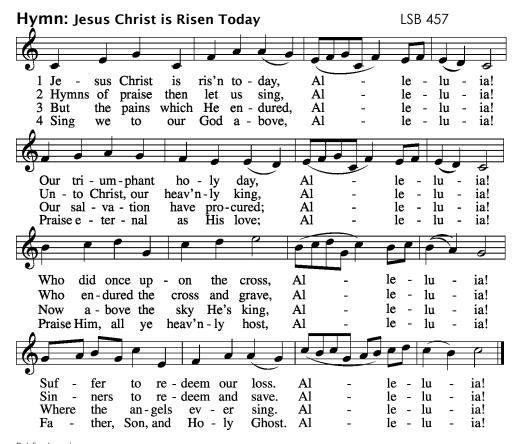
Glory to You, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you

will see Him, just as He told you.

And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



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Opening Sentences

- This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24
- P The LORD is God,
- and He has made His light to shine upon us. Psalm 118:27

Confession and Absolution

The angel told the women what his eyes had beheld, and he urged them to tell Jesus' disciples and Peter, but "they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Let us confess to God all that holds us back from spreading the news of our Lord's resurrection.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

- P Our gracious heavenly Father,
- we confess that we have let the things around us cloud our vision, dim our joy, and close our lips. We have failed to look at Your glory and power through the eyes of the angel. Instead, we have relied on the limited information that our senses provide. We have feared what we could not explain and failed to rely on Your gracious promises. We have, therefore, not loved You with all that we have and are; we have not loved our neighbors as much as we have loved ourselves. Worse, without Your aid, we cannot change.

In Your great mercy, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, assure us of Your victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil on our behalf. Help us then to announce the resurrection to all we meet, to the glory of Your holy name.

P By becoming one of us to die for us, our Lord Jesus Christ paid for all our sins. When the Father raised Him on this glorious day, He showed all creation that He received that payment and nothing, even death itself, can stand between us and His gracious, eternal promises.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ WORD +

Choir: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! Refrain

The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia! Refrain

The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Refrain

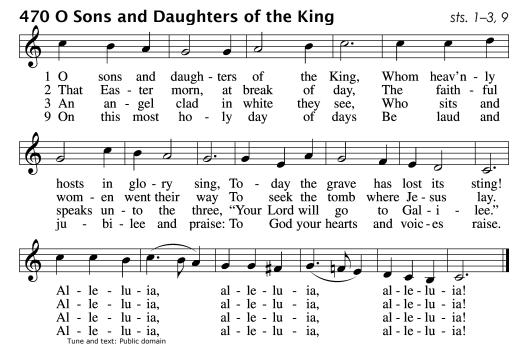
He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia! Refrain

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Refrain

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Kyrie

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That we may recognize the peace and salvation Easter brings, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P That the world may see peace, the Church of God may enjoy vitality, and we may all be united in Easter faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house, and for all who respond to the resurrection in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen.



Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

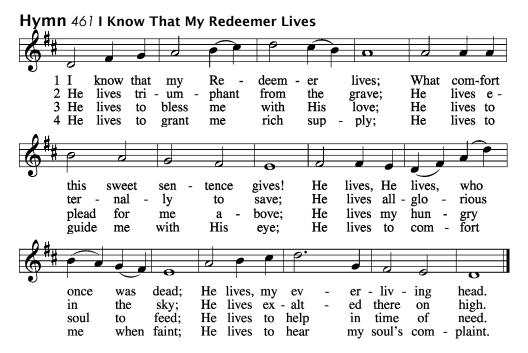
Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
- P Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
- We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever;
- P through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Job 19:23-27

23"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
25For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
26And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
27whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!"

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart;

He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;

He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."
55"O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 118:15–29 (antiphon: v. 23)

- P This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
- The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
- P the right hand of the LORD exalts,
- the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"

- **P** I shall not die, but I shall live,
- and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- P The LORD has disciplined me severely,
- but He has not given me over to death.

 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P Open to me the gates of righteousness,
- that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- P This is the gate of the LORD;
- the righteous shall enter through it.
- I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P Save us, we pray, O LORD!
- O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
- We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- P The LORD is God,
- and He has made His light to shine upon us.
 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
- **Q** up to the horns of the altar!
- P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- You are my God; I will extol You.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- for His steadfast love endures forever!

 This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Holy Gospel

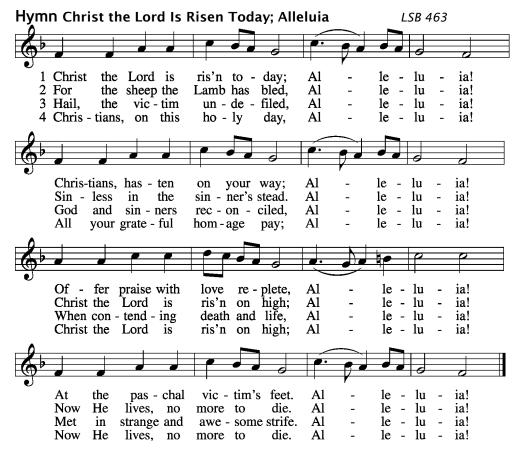
John 20:1-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- P Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark,
- and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.
- P So 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in,
- he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.
- P Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.
- He saw the linen cloths lying there,
- nd the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in,
- and he saw and believed;
- P for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.
 - But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.
- And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.
- They 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." Having said this,
- she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

P Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for 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.'" Mary

Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

- **G** I have seen the Lord!
- **P** and that He had said these things to her.
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon ANGEL EYES

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church as it witnesses to our Lord's resurrection.

The women "were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us?' "Let us pray for all whose work is tiring and laborious.

- Lighten their load, O Lord, strengthen their bodies, and give them dignity in their efforts.
- P The angel said to them, "Do not be alarmed." Let us pray for all who awaken this day in fear of violence, discrimination, or injustice.
- Accompany them, risen Lord; graciously protect them and strengthen them until they find days of peace and security.

- The angel invited the women, "See the place where they laid Him." Let us pray for all who visit hospitals, nursing homes, and cemeteries on this holy day.
- Dry the eyes of those who mourn, O Holy Spirit, through their resurrection faith. Give comforting words to those who visit, perseverance to those who are ill, and skill to health workers in all professions.
- Then he urged them, "Go, tell His disciples." Let us pray for all who carry the news of Christ's victory over death to their neighborhoods and to nations around the world.
- Lord Jesus, protect, guide, and bless our brothers and sisters who announce the resurrection in the company of those who gather with them around Word and Sacrament and then carry it with them as Your messengers to all they meet, near and far.
- P Job wrote, "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!" Let us pray for those who write constitutions and laws, all who maintain order in society, and everyone in harm's way at home or abroad.
- O almighty God, give wisdom to those who deliberate in houses of government, courage to those who respond to conflict in their communities, and protection to men and women deployed in the defense of freedom around the world.
- Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer Our F

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.

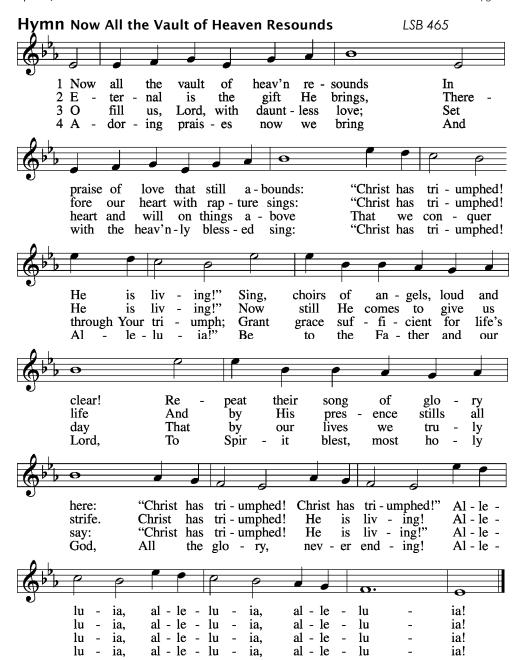
Collect

P Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase is all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son to certain death in order to give us life, the Son, who left the tomb empty on this day of His rising, and the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be messengers of the resurrection—be upon you, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

■ Thanks be to God!

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He saw the **linen cloths**lying there, and the **face cloth**, which had been on **Jesus' head...**folded up in a **place by itself.**

