

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunrise Worship



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WE GATHER

Gathering Music *Congregation*

The Passion Hymn Medley

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is Ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

A WORD OF WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
we gather with the church throughout the world
in vigil and prayer on this holy day.
Through light and the word,
through water and oil, bread and wine,
we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection,
share Christ's triumph over sin and death,
and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ

you have given the light of life to all the world.

Increase in us a desire to shine forth

with the brightness of Christ's rising,

until we feast at the banquet of eternal light. AMEN.

MARKING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

*The inscription on the candle indicates
the inclusion of our time within God's time.*

Christ, yesterday and today, *(Tracing the sign of the cross.)*
The beginning and the ending *(Tracing the Alpha and Omega.)*
To Christ belongs all time *(Tracing the first numeral [2])*
and all ages; *(Tracing the second numeral [0])*
to Christ belongs glory and dominion. *(Tracing the third numeral [2])*
now and forever. *(Tracing the fourth numeral [5])*

Amen.

The light of Christ, rising in glory
dispels the darkness of our heart and minds.

Our Easter Confession

Almighty God, we come to You carrying heavy burdens.

**We see death and destruction in the world
and hopelessness weighs on us.**

**We hear of violence on our streets and
helplessness holds us back.**

**We feel sorrow and regret
in our own lives and despair closes us in.**

Break open the doors of life.

Tear down the walls of death.

**Help us to know Your resurrection in our daily lives,
and the promise of resurrection in our lives now.**

In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon

Dawn has broken, new life has sprung forth.

In Christ we have

forgiveness of sin,
the promise of new life now and
the hope of resurrection.

In Christ is the fullness of life.

We come ... to experience the mercy of the Father.

**We come ... knowing that we are loved and forgiven
through the faithfulness of the Son.**

**We come ... to know that life in the Spirit
Is full of possibility that has no end.**

Amen.

Our Easter Proclamation

L: Night is over; morning has broken!

C: Jesus Christ is Risen!

L: The stone that closed off death has been rolled away!

C: In Christ we have the promise of resurrection!

L: It has been declared to us: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

L: Let us worship and celebrate our Risen Lord;

C: Let us celebrate the resurrection, and the gift of eternal life with God.

HE IS RISEN!!!

CELEBRATION SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Psalm 118:1-2, 15-25 (The Message)

¹⁻² Thank GOD because he's good,
because his love never quits.

Tell the world, Israel,
"His love never quits."

¹⁵⁻²⁰ GOD's my strength, he's also my song,
and now he's my salvation.

Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs
in the camp of the saved?

"The hand of GOD has turned the tide!

The hand of GOD is raised in victory!

The hand of GOD has turned the tide!"

I didn't die. I *lived*!

And now I'm telling the world what GOD did.

GOD tested me, he pushed me hard,

but he didn't hand me over to Death.

Swing wide the city gates—the *righteous* gates!

I'll walk right through and thank GOD!

This Temple Gate belongs to GOD,

so the victors can enter and praise.

²¹⁻²⁵ Thank you for responding to me;

you've truly become my salvation!

The stone the masons discarded as flawed
is now the capstone!

This is GOD's work.

We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!

This is the very day GOD acted—

let's celebrate and be festive!

Salvation now, GOD. Salvation now!

Oh yes, GOD—a free and full life!

Song of Joy

He Has Made Me Glad Leona von Brethorst

VERSE

♩ = 120

I will en - ter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will
 en - ter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I

CHORUS

will re - joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I
 will re - joice for He has made me glad. will re - joice for He has made me glad.

The Gospel

John 20:1-18

Early 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' 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, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to 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.

The Homily *Why Are You Weeping* Pastor John

Hymn of the Day *Woman, Weeping in the Garden* ACS 935



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
 2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
 3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
 4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
 5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
 men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
 takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
 joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
 oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
 wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
 "Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes.
 ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
 prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Our Resurrection Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy”,
We respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

Congregational Prayer Concerns

Members · Joe Lehner · Beth Sessoms · Stella San Miguel · Gary Eissinger
· Linda Schlenker · Bill Vittoe · Larry Schiebe · Mary Wright

Friends & Family

· Claudia Joyner · Simone Ryan · Kathleen Daughy · Diane Stultz
· Mikael Knight · Robert “Bob” Ousnamer · Emma Clark · Robert Barnes
· Jill Whitwell

People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

· Charlotte Davis · Claudia Doyle · Brenda Killett · Carolyn Uchtorff

Our military members (*deployed)

· Earl Stockham · Jessie Hewins · Rob Whitt · David Oliver
· Tristan Bonde · Dan Gibson · Jacob Rea · Zach Turner
· Joshua Trogdon · Bella Fish · Hochang Min*

We Share The Resurrection Peace

P: The Peace of the risen Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

WE SHARE THE HOLY MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*We give thanks for the gifts of the sacrament and
proclaim the command and promise of Jesus at the last supper.*

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.

THE PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of mercy,
where the feast of life is spread.

The Distribution of Communion

(Our offering will be received during communion this morning. Baskets will be available in which to place your offering.)

Music During Communion *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four measures: the first measure has a half note G4, the second has a quarter note A4, the third has a quarter note B4, and the fourth has a half note C5 with a grace note G4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four measures: the first measure has a half note G4, the second has a quarter note A4, the third has a quarter note B4, and the fourth has a half note C5. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Instrumental music

Mark Tollefsen

Prayer After Communion

We go and proclaim the Gospel

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

We Sing

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia

ELW 382

We sing the Refrain after the 1st and 4th verses



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-tURNS to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Dismissal

Go in peace.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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Ministry at St. James ... April 20 - 27, 2025

Sun. Apr 20	7:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00 am	Easter Festival Worship
Mon. April 21		Office Closed – No Quilting
Tue. April 22	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Fellowship on Zoom
Wed. April 23	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Sat. April 26	7:30 am	Honeycutt Park Clean up (352 Devers St.)
	8:30 am	Property Work Day (St. James campus)
Sun. April 27	9:00 am	Bible Study
	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class



**The Easter flowers beautifying our church
this glorious morning are**

Given by:	In honor or memory of:
Barbara Azzarelli	Samual J. Azzarelli
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