

**Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024**

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Comforter, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

Amen.

In the presence of the living God,

We confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us, O God, and bring about your new life in ourselves, in our community, and in our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.

Amen.

Dear Friends, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that your sins are forgiven and you are washed anew in his rising. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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 heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

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!

Invocation

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

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Lord Jesus, on this day we rejoice in your glory and stand in awe of how you have transformed this world with your dying and your rising. Receive our joyful praise. Alleluia! **Amen.**

Anthem

The Blessing

Worship Band

Reading

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and 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. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. But 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." 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.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen conquering 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.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen conquering Son!
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

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*)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life,
Life is naught without thee, aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love,
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (*Refrain*)

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 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Song

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord God,
We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is the Lord of Life and is alive. Increase in our bodies, 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come,
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light,
The crown awaits the conquest, lead on, O God of might.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers this Week:

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

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