

*Happy Easter*



MAY JOY AND BLESSINGS ACCOMPANY THIS HOLY  
DAY. LET'S CELEBRATE THE LIFE, HOPE, AND  
LOVE THAT ARE ALWAYS PRESENT AT EASTER.

*Easter Worship*  
*March 31, 2024*

# One Question

*Help us to serve your faith.*

WHAT TOPIC(S) WOULD YOU BENEFIT THE MOST FROM, OR BE MOST INTERESTED IN, US PREPARING TEACHINGS ON THIS YEAR? (OR THINK OF IT THIS WAY: WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS OF YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW? OR, WHAT DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME THINKING ABOUT THESE DAYS?)



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# Welcome Newcomers



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WE ARE SO GLAD YOU FOUND YOUR WAY TO HOLY CROSS THIS EASTER! WE HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU SO PLEASE LET AN USHER KNOW IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING WITH US.

WE WOULD LOVE TO GIVE YOU A WARM WELCOME, PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING US YOUR INFORMATION BY USING THE QR CODE OR SIGNING OUR GUESTBOOK. GOD LOVES YOU, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THE SAME!



Easter Sunday  
March 31, 2024

## The Service of the Word

**Prelude 8:00am:** *Dr. Aleksandra Gregg (cello),  
and Andrew Gregg (piano)*

**10:30am:** *Holy Cross Handbell Choir*

*I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee*

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn 207:** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

*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!*

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

### The Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all  
desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy  
Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** \*\*\* (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children are invited to follow the cross with the leader for an Easter story and play time on our playground.

**Song of Praise:** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

*Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be*

**The Collect of the Day** – *prayed by the Celebrant*

**The First Lesson:** *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** *118:1-2, 18-24*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Sequence Hymn 8:00am: 182 "Christ is Alive"**  
**10:30am "My Living Hope"**

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise  
the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah, death  
has lost its grip on me! You have brok-en chain.ev-'ry There's sal -  
va-tion in Your name. Je-sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal-le

**The Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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. 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Message: "From Darkness to Light"**  
*The Rev. Rob Dixon*

**Renewal of Baptismal Covenant: (Standing)**

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* With God's help,

*People* **I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

*Celebrant* With God's help,

*People* **I will persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* With God's help,

*People* **I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

*Celebrant* With God's help,

*People* **I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

*Celebrant* With God's help,

*People* **I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

**The Peace:** Welcome & Announcements



## The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

**Offertory: 8:00am** "Because He Lives" - Arr. Gregg  
**10:30am** "My Victory" (see insert pg. 7)

### The Doxology Hymn

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Sanctus S-129:

*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.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

### **The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Communion Music:**

**10:30am:** "Nocturno" by Franz Strauss

*John Schuster (horn)*

*Andrew Gregg (piano)*

### **"Death Was Arrested"**

*Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began  
Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began*

*(Refrain) Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You*

*Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began  
(Refrain)*

*Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began  
(Refrain)*

*Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began  
(Refrain)*

**"Christ is Risen"** (see insert pg. 8)

### **Hymn 180: "He is Risen"**

*He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it out with joyful voice:  
He has burst his three days' prison;  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.*

*Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,  
With glad smile and radiant brow!  
Death's long shadows have departed;  
Jesus' woes are over now,  
And the passion that he bore-  
Sin and pain can vex no more.*

*Come with high and holy hymning, hail our  
Lord's triumphant day;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder  
Glorious morning ray, breaking  
O'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.*

*He is risen, he is risen!  
He hath opened heaven's gate:  
We are free from sin's dark prison,  
Risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter  
Beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn 178: "Alleluia No.1"**

*(Refrain):  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his Name*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the king of creation (Refrain)*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth.  
Jesus has died and has risen (Refrain)*

*We have been crucified with Christ.  
Now we shall live forever (Refrain)*

*Come, let us praise the living God.  
Joyfully sing to our Savior (Refrain)*

### **The Dismissal**

# 10:30am Offertory & 8:00am Communion

## “My Victory”

### VERSES



You came for crim - i - nals and ev - 'ry Phar - i - see.  
You car - ried sin and shame, the guilt of ev - 'ry man,  
Oh, Your a - maz - ing grace, I've seen and tast - ed it.

### Third verse only



You came for hyp - o - crites e - ven one like me In You, my soul is safe.  
the weight of all I've done nailed in - to Your hands.  
It's run - ning through my veins. I can't es - cape it's grip



You cov - er ev - 'ry thing. Oh, Your love bled for - me, Oh, Your blood in crim - son

### REFRAIN

### BRIDGE



streams. Oh, Your death, is Hell's de - feat. A cross meant to kill is my vic - to - ry! The  
be -



ho - ly Lamb of God, makes us a - live a - gain, makes us a - live a - gain.  
hold the Lamb of God, who takes a - way our sin, who takes a - way our sin.

## Communion Hymn: "Christ is Risen"



Let no one caught in sin re-main in-side the lie of in -  
Be-neath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but hea -



- ward shame, But fix oureyes up-on the cross and run to Him who showed  
- vens will; No scheme of hell no scof - fers crown, no bur - den great can hold



great love and bled for us free-ly You've bled for us Christ is  
You down, in strength You reign, for-ev-er let Your Church pro-claim.



ris-en from the dead tram-pling o-ver death by death, come a - wake, come a - wake, come and



rise up from the grave. Christ is ris-en from the dead, we are one with him a-gain, come a -



wake come a-wake, come and rise up from the grave. O, death where is your sting, O hell,



where is your vic - to-ry? O church, come stand in the light, the glo - ry of God has de -  
our



feat - ed thenight! Sing-ing God is not dead, He's a - live, He's a-live! Christ is




*Join us!*



*Guest Connection*  
We'd love to get to know you!

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Thank You!



# *Easter Lillies in Worship*

## **In Loving Memory Of:**

- In Memory of Ina and Hank Birkenkamp *given by Kathly Steenland*
- In Memory of Cecil “Buddy” Lanier *given by Jackie Lanier*
- In Memory of Willima & Mary Klusmeyer *given by Jan Lovett*
- In Memory of Marian & Bud/Henry Benson *given by William Benson*
- In Memory of Kurt & Liz Bonifay; Norman & Pauline Tarkus *given by Ernie & Sarah Tarkus*
- In Memory of William Gordon & Wallace Lukow *given by Steve & Camille Lukow*
- In Memory of Ann Jewett & Rick Hardcastle *given by Stephen & Susan Bell*
- In Memory of Dave Ranford *given by Ron & Joyce Burk*
- In Memory of Pat Tillery *given by Linda Tillery*
- In Memory of Pete Schroeder *given by Tina Marshall*
- In Memory of Robert J. Gaines & Lorraine A. Gaines *given by Laura & Elaine Gaines*
- In Memory of Ron Edwards & Dan Kessinger *given by Barbara Edwards*
- In Loving Memory of Harold & Mary Kent, Robert Gaines, Mary Kent Scullion, Edith Danson, & R. Dallas Adamas *given by Herman & Helen Stuebing*
- In Memory of my wonderful family, my parents, Elmer & Laura Laird *given by Susan Karl*
- In Memory of Mike Guidry & Akilimali Heliodory *given by Roslyn Guyette*
- In Memory of Mills Westbrook *given by Audrey Westbrook*
- In Memory of Derek Maltby & Helyn Chambers *given by Larry & Kaki Chambers*
- In Loving Memory of Mildred & Charles Tilman *given by Donna Gassman & Sherry Tilman*
- In Memory of Timothy Gibbons & Donald Gibbons *given by Nancy Gibbons*
- In Memory of Jan & Winford Hanson *given by the Walker Family*

## **In Thanksgiving For:**

- In thanksgiving for my family *given by Jackie Lanier*

*All are invited to enjoy refreshments and participate  
in an Easter Egg Hunt following our service.*

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