



# Celebrate Easter!

*As Christ was raised up from the dead...  
we also should walk in newness of life. ROMANS 6:4*

# The Service of the Word

**Opening Voluntary:** *Samuel Klauss (piano)*

**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 a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

**Song of Praise 400:** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

*All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams, Pale silver moon that softly gleams!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**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.**

**The Response:** *Christ Our Passover (Pascha Nostrum)*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,

**Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**Sequence Hymn:** Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

*Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord  
Sing hallelujah. Sing hallelujah. Sing hallelujah to the Lord*

*Sing Christ is risen from the dead. Sing Christ is risen from the dead  
Sing Christ is risen. Sing Christ is risen. Sing Christ is risen from the dead*

**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.**

## **Sermon**

*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*    Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*    Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*    Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*    Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*    Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

**The Peace:** *Welcome, Announcements, & Birthdays/Anniversaries*



# 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 baptized Christians 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: “Here I Am To Worship”**

*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness*

*Open my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You. hope of a life spent with You*

*Refrain:*

*So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God.*

*You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days, Oh so highly exalted*

*Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created*

*All for love's sake became poor (Refrain)*

## **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 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 Hymn 325: “Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees”**

*Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

**Communion Hymn 335: “I Am the Bread of Life”**

*I am the bread of life, they who come to me shall not hunger;*

*They who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.*

*Refrain:*

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,*

*And they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever, they shall live forever. (Refrain)*

*I am the resurrection, I am the life.*

*They who believe in me even if they die, they shall live forever. (Refrain)*

**Communion Hymn: “10,000 Reasons”**

*Refrain:*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul*

*Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before*

*Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name*

*The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning*

*It's time to sing Your song again*

*Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me*

*Let me be singing when the evening comes (Refrain)*

*You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger*

*Your name is great, and Your heart is kind*

*For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing*

*Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Refrain)*

**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**

**Processional Hymn 178: “Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth”**

*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**

**Closing Voluntary**

# EASTER LILIES IN WORSHIP

## Given by:

- Ann Jewett in memory of Grey and Tre Jewett
- Art Harrison in memory of Mary Harrison
- Audrey Westbook in memory of E.R. Westbrook
- Britt & Nell Landrum in honor of our Grandsons: Hank, Britton, Brayden, Neil, & Paul
- Cindy Robbins in memory of Ronald Robbins & John & Jacqueline Sijulski
- Diane Cole in memory of Rolland Earl Cole
- Donna Gassman & Sherry Jo Tillman in memory of Mildred & Bernard Tilman
- Elaine Gaines in memory of Robert J. & Lorraine Gaines
- Gene Press in memory of Marcia Press
- Greer Mims in memory of Will Mims, my Children, Grandchildren, and Great grandchildren
- Gretchen LeGrand in memory of John LeGrand
- Herman & Helen Stuebing in memory of Harold & Mary C. Kent; Mary Kent Scullion;
- Hunter & Pam Walker in honor of Sarah K. Walker, & John & Sarah E. Walker
- Jackie Lanier & Lisa Carter in memory of Cecil Lanier; and in thanksgiving for my Family
- John Holder III in memory of Julie & Tom Ruengert
- JR Hardin & Carla Rich in memory of Jerrod Rich & Hattie Grace Collins
- Laurie White in loving memory of Carl White
- Mabel Wilson
- Pat & Linda Tillery in memory of loved ones who have entered into everlasting peace
- Rev. Roger & Liz Hungerford in memory of Donna Serviss
- Rick Hardcastle in memory of Marjorie Hardcastle Earl
- Robert & Teresa Donaldson in memory of our Mother & Grandmother
- Ron & Joyce Burk in memory of Helen Blower, Joyce's Mother
- Sheldon Brinson in memory of Martha & John
- Siegrid McAskill in thanksgiving for my family
- Steve & Camille Lukow in memory of our Mothers, Dolores Lukow & Charlotte Congleton
- Susan Karl & Family in memory of Elmer & Laura Laird
- Tina & Beth Marshall in memory of Richard & John Marshall

Plus, a few Anonymous Gifts

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

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