



Easter Sunday
Prelude

***Call to Worship –**

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Whom do you seek?

All: We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified on Friday. They have taken away our Lord, and we do not know where they have laid him.

Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen. Go and tell his disciples! God has made us alive with Christ!

All: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

All: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning, we gather with the whole company of God's people in heaven and on earth to share in Christ's victory over death.

All: The light shines in darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Light is Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

Processional Hymn No. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Light of Christ and Bible process in

Welcome and announcements

Birthdays

Children's sermon (children will stay in worship this Sunday)

Introit

Day of Joy

Opening prayer

Prayers of Confession and Reconciliation

One: Let us confess our sins to God and to one another. Let us pray;

All: Resurrected One, during your final days, we turned away from you, even after you shared table with us, offering us the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation; in your hour of greatest need, we fell asleep while you prayed in the garden, even after you urged us to keep the faith to avoid the time of trial. We are here now, dearest friend, remembering what it cost you to know the joy we feel today. May our lives reflect the depth of our gratitude to be known as your disciples.

Amen.

A Time of Silence

[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.]

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Surprise! The stone is rolled away! Christ is risen! Be gone, darkness and death! You have no power here! Christ is risen!

All: In Jesus Christ ,we are forgiven!

One: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

***Response of Praise #234 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” vs1**

*Come, ye faithful raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them, with unmoistened foot,
Through the Red Sea waters.*

Passing of the Peace

One: Christ is Risen! Share this great news with one another as we offer signs of joy and love by passing the peace of Christ. Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

One: Let us share this good news with each other.

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call to Offering and receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Offertory

***Doxology #234 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain vs 2**

2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;

*Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.
Now rejoice, Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. May our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing be like bread upon the waters and multiply. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Dee Ellis

Let us pray: God of mystery and might, your wondrous love always seems to catch us off guard.

We come to the tomb looking for death, but find life instead.

As we behold the glory of our salvation, take us back to that moment of discovery—

when grief and loss gave way to a glimmer of hope.

Before we shout our alleluias, remind us of the moment when despair was transported

into glimpses of new possibilities.

In the holy awe of Easter morning, we take a moment of silent gratitude that Christ calls each of us by name.

(Moment of silence.)

Shout it from the mountaintop:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed.

Scriptures:

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Dee Ellis

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

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 chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Anthem *Hear the News This Easter Morning*

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb,

taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two angels in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the angels said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Meditation

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***Affirmation of Faith** (*1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-;16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***Hymn No #233 The Day of Resurrection!**

***Charge and Benediction**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Postlude

