



The Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunrise
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Christ is risen! At 7:00am we gather at the Grace Columbarium Garden to begin our service. We will process from there to the front of the church. If you need to use the ramp and enter in the back, please do so. The Pascal Candle, symbolizing the Risen Christ, is carried into the midst of the church and the resurrection of our Lord is proclaimed with joy. As we come into the sanctuary, we will sing Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

EASTER SUNRISE LITANY OF LIGHT

Now when the Lord Jesus was crucified, there was darkness over the whole land from noon until three. And when Jesus had given up his spirit, he was pierced with a spear, and blood and water came flowing out. As the sun went down, he was taken from the cross and laid in a borrowed tomb. A stone was rolled in place, and it was sealed. After the Sabbath was over, the women rose while it was still dark.

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Two angels appeared in dazzling clothes and said to the terrified women, “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 sinners and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”

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In her tears, Mary Magdelene first thought Jesus was the gardener. When Jesus called Mary’s name, she knew that it was Jesus, risen victoriously over death and sin. She went and told the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”

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The disciples locked themselves into a darkened room. Our risen Lord appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you!” He showed them his hands and side and He breathed upon them the Holy Spirit. Jesus brought light to their darkness and sent them saying, “As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

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Two disciples who had lost hope were walking back to their home in Emmaus. The risen Lord joined their journey and through opening the Word and sharing the Sacrament with them, their hearts burned within them as our risen Lord rekindled the fire of love, life, and hope.

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On this resurrection morning, our risen Lord is present with us to bring us light in our darkness, resurrection life, peace, and hope amid despair, faith that overcomes fear, and forgiveness that dispels our failures. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ, on the first day of creation, you said “Let there be light”, and there was light. As we gather this morning, let the light of your love shine upon us. May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds, giving us victory over the darkness of sin and death. Kindle in us the fire of faith, that we who gather may walk in the light of the living Lord, through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We process with the Cross and Paschal Candle leading the way as we sing praise to God for the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! The assembly sings the hymn as the Easter Proclamation.

HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today “

- 1** *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!*
- 2** *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
inners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*
- 3** *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*
- 4** *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!*

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.**

Let us pray. O God, you are the creator of the world,
the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth.

**By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears,
restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he
might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.”

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

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 15:3-22*

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our
sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the
twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of
whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James,
then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to
me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I
persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace
toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it
was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we
preach and so you believed. ¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how
can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no

resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope[a] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

⁹ [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. ¹² After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³ And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON: “Christ is Risen Indeed: He is Going Before You and You Will See Him”
Pastor Doug

The assembly stands.

HYMN: “He Lives”

TCH #368

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

The Peace of the risen Lord be with you always

And also with you.

Peace is shared as worshipers greet one another with “the Peace of the Lord” or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The assembly stands as the offering is presented.

OFFERTORY: “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER”

TCH #460

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord our God.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right to give God our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Come to the table of Grace where God opens our eyes to see and receive the presence of the
Risen Christ! Thanks be to God!**

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG “In the Garden” TCH#635

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be
gracious to you.. The Lord
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “Christ Arose”

TCH #357

DISMISSAL