



THE  
HOPE

*of*  
Easter

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*A Welcoming Community, Experiencing God, Reaching Out and Raising Up  
Followers of Jesus Christ.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### ***Resurrection Announcement***

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: In the morning sun of that first Easter, Jesus' followers saw an open and empty tomb, the first glimpse of a new world changed and saved by God's love.

**C: Open our eyes, Lord, that we might see that same glory and be filled with faith.**

P: They heard the angels proclaim, "Why do you see the living among the dead?"

**C: Open our ears that we might hear this same good news and be filled with hope.**

P: They were filled with wonder and joy as they saw their Lord and knew that death had been defeated.

**C: Open our hearts that we might be filled with peace and joy of your everlasting love.**

P: They ran and told others what they had seen and heard.

**C: Open our mouths that we might shout.**

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### **Gathering Hymn**

### **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**ELW #365 vs 1,2&4**

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!

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!

2 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

### **First Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

L: <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

L: <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**C: <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

L: <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**C: <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

L: <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

**C: <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

L: <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

**C: <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

L: <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"**

**ELW #377 vs 1&2**

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! **Refrain**

**Refrain:** Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center,  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"Heartbreak, Hope and Hallelujahs"

Pastor Kathy

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Easter Version of Hallelujah"**

1 A crown of thorns placed on His Head  
He knew that He would soon be dead  
He said 'did you forget me Father, did you?  
He hung His head and prepared to die  
Then lifted His face up to the sky  
Said I am coming home now Father to you

2 The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord  
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior  
He looked with fear upon his sword  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord  
Fell to his knees and cried our Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah

3 Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown  
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb  
The holes in his hands, his feet and side  
Now in our hearts we know he died  
To save us from ourselves oh Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah

4 Three days went by again they came  
To move the stone to bless the stain  
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah

5 And now the dark has turned to light  
We see His strength and know His might  
Our Lord and Savior's risen Hallelujah  
And Jesus Christ will come again,  
He's conquered death, forgiv'n our sins  
His love has healed our hearts, oh  
Hallelujah

Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah

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## 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**

**“Lord, Be Glorified”**

**ELW #744 vs 4**

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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The Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

We are sent this Easter day joyfully remembering the resurrection announcement!

Dismissal



The Easter radio broadcast is sponsored by Marilyn Stuckey in memory of Franklin Stuckey and in honor of Franklin, Bill Koeckeritz and the countless volunteers who walked the farm fields so crops could be planted after the tornado in 1998.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>4/5</b> General Offering | \$ 11,338.60           | \$ 115,921.82        | \$ 121,285.23        |
| <b>4/5</b> Building Fund    | \$ 1,622.50            | \$ 15,533.00         | \$ 20,394.23         |
| <b>4/5</b> World Hunger     | \$ 539.00              |                      |                      |
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 Saturday Prayer at 5:30PM  
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