

Gathering: *Earth Awake* . . . . . Chamber Choir

The Blessing of New Fire

Proclamation

Prayer

Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1	Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	For the sheep the	Lamb has bled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Christ, the vic - tim	un - de - filed,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	Chris-tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten	on your way;	Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the	sin - ner's stead.	Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners	rec - on - ciled,	Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful	hom - age pay;	Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with	love re - plete,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing	death and life,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal	vic - tim's feet.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and	awe - some strife.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
C: *His steadfast love endures forever!*  
P: Let Israel say,  
C: *His steadfast loves endures forever.*  
P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
C: *The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;*  
P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
C: *the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.*  
P: I shall not die, but I shall live,  
C: *and recount the deeds of the Lord.*  
P: The Lord has punished me severely,  
C: *but he did not give me over to death*  
P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
C: *that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*  
P: This is the gate of the Lord;  
C: *the righteous shall enter through it.*  
P: I thank you that you have answered me  
C: *and have become my salvation.*  
P: The stone that the builders rejected  
C: *has become the chief cornerstone.*  
P: This is the Lord's doing;  
C: *it is marvelous in our eyes.*  
P: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
C: *let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## READINGS

### The Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

**Response: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.’” <sup>18</sup>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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

Sunrise Sermon: ..... Pastor Micah

Hymn: *That Easter Day* ..... All Stand & Sing

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## EASTER PRAYER

Pastor: On this glorious Holy morning, let us praise and thank God for his goodness and peace.

**People: Glory be to you, O Lord God Almighty for you have overcome death, that the way to eternal life might be opened to all who will trust and believe in you.**

Pastor: Let us be joyful in the new hope which Jesus' resurrection gives to all believers!

**People: We rejoice that as Christ lives; so too, we may live!**

Pastor: O God, help us to put aside our sinful living. This Easter Day calls and challenges us to put aside our grudges, our jealousies, our hatreds... for they lead us to unhappiness, and loneliness, and strife.

**People: Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord!**

Pastor: Guide and strengthen us Holy Father, to put into our Easter lives the qualities of trust, faithfulness, love and mercy . . . for they can enrich our lives, and make us blessings to all we meet.

**People: Let us take the joy of the Resurrection into all we do.**

Pastor: Send us forth to live and proclaim your victory, O God!

**People: Praise be to Christ who is risen!**

Pastor: Yes, He is Risen!

**ALL: AMEN!**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Christian Celebrate* ..... Church Choir

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create in Me a Clean Heart . . . . .* All Stand & Sing

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the accompaniment. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.







Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of love,

C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.


## DIALOGUE

	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
		
		
<i>Pastor</i>		
<i>Cong.</i>		


## PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.  
 Alleluia! Come to the feast.

C Thanks be to God.

**Hymn During Communion:** *I Am the Bread of Life* . . . . . All Sing



1	"I	am	the	Bread	of	life.	You	who
2	"The	bread	that	. . .	I	will	give	is
3	"Un	less	. . .	you	. . .	eat	of	the
4	"I	am	the	res	ur	rec	tion,	. . .
5	Yes,	Lord,	. . .	I	be	lieve	that	. . .



come	to	me	shall	not	hun	ger,	and	who	be
flesh	for	the	life	of	the	world,	. . .	and	if
flesh	of	the	Son	of	the	Man	. . .	and	. . .
I	. . .	. . .	am	the	life.	. . .	If	you	be
you	. . .	. . .	are	the	Christ,	. . .	the	. . .	





lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -  
drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his  
lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you  
Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
ev - er, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .

*Refrain*  
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



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Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, 1950  
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Wellspring of joy,

C through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

**Hymn:** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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## SENDING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Easter Lilies

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S (Libby) Byrum Jr.

Tim and Shelia Kelly in honor of Madison and Sam Harrington-Smith

Greg Byrum in honor of Holy Comforter Family

Julia Gunter in honor of all church musicians

Greg Cline in honor of Faye and Warren Heller, & Shirley Causby

John & Leslie Crist in honor of our grandchildren

IN MEMORY OF:

Greg Byrum in memory of Mrs. Amy Byrum McKay

Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S Byrum McKay

Jim & Jan Buell in memory of Carmen Buell and Bob Haubenreich

John & Leslie Crist in memory of Ray and Rita Broome, Bill and Rosa Crist

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega

Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William Kannapel

Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice and Mark Lyrly

Tim and Shelia Kelly in memory of Shelia's mom, Alma Hedrick

Tim and Shelia Kelly in memory of Shelia's cousin, Janet Halstead

Susan Nelson in memory of Allie Flusche's Mom, Adrielle



## HOLY WEEK

worship schedule

**Easter Sunrise Worship, April 9th 7:00AM**

**Easter Worship, April 9th 10:30AM**



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