

April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday - Online Worship

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty; you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

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Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a manger announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: You shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

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Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew proved that you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and executed you. Hallowed be your name.

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This morning, in the multicolored company of your church on earth and in heaven, we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us, and your redemption of all creation!

Hallowed be God's name, now and forever.

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

HYMN # 365 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!**

**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!**

**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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (The Gospel is read)

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

SERMON: PASTOR KRISTIN RICE

HYMN # 376: THINE IS THE GLORY

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where the body lay.**

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

**Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For the Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear us Jesus, hear us Jesus. Hear us Jesus, hear us Lord.**

HOLY COMMUNION (HYMNAL, P. 130-135)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ,
who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection,
broke the bonds of sin and death, and gave life to all creation,
And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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! Hosanna, in the highest!**

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, and 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."

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.**

SHARING BREAD AND WINE

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day!**

PRAYER AND BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Wellspring of joy, 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.**
May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and follow the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN # 361: THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.**

**From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

**All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

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