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*Easter Sunday*  
REDEEMER

**THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**APRIL 20, 2025  
6:30 AM**

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*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 118:1, 5-7, 14, 17, 22-24 & John 14:19)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Our friend Jesus lives!

People: **To forgive our sins and heal our wounds!**

Pastor: Our friend Jesus lives!

People: **To listen to our prayers and encourage us!**

Pastor: Our friend Jesus lives!

People: **To protect us from all harm and bring us comfort!**

Pastor: Our friend Jesus lives!


People: **To be our King, Servant and Savior!**

Pastor: Our friend Jesus lives!

People: **What a friend we have in Jesus!**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Hymn 457*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav' n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav' n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Jesus has left the tomb empty to empty sin of its power. Just as the stone was rolled away from the tomb on that first Easter morning, O Holy Spirit, roll away the stones from our hearts. Enable us to confess our sins, repent of them and receive Christ's forgiveness.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy!**

**Pastor:** O Lord, we bring before You all of our sins—what we have said and done, what we have failed to say and do.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy!**

**Pastor:** O Lord, we bring before You all of our sins—the lust and disobedience, the selfishness and rebellion, the greed and gluttony.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy!**


**Pastor:** Friends in Christ, hear this good news: your Redeemer lives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead. Your Redeemer and Friend, Christ Jesus, forgives you of all of your sins. Just as the tomb was left empty, Jesus has emptied sin of its power over you, and He has set you free. Know that your Redeemer lives, and know that your Redeemer declares to

you: Your sins are forgiven!  
People: Amen! What a friend we have in Jesus!


**\*EASTER SONG**

**"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"**


*Hymn 466*




1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



## COLLECT FOR EASTER SUNRISE

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Job 19:23-27*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

**Lector:** This is the Word of our Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

*Galatians 3:13-14*

<sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— <sup>14</sup>so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

**Lector:** This is the Word of our Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## \*THE GOSPEL READING

*John 20:1-18*

**\*Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**\*People:** Glory to You, O Lord.



<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths 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 cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one 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>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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 Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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 that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

### \*SERMON HYMN

*Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

#### **“See What a Morning” (Resurrection Hymn)**

- 1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce “Christ is risen!”  
See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love,  
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,**

**Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead!**

- 2. See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,  
Stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead!**
- 3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead,  
Love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
for He lives Christ is risen from the dead!**

## **THE SERMON**

**"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"**

*Job 19:25*

## **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*PRAYERS**

**Pastor:** Lord God, You are mighty to roll away stones and leave tombs empty. You are mighty to wipe away our sins and set us free. We come before You now with our prayers and petitions knowing Your mighty promises to hear our prayers and answer them according to Your wisdom and knowledge.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Risen Redeemer, roll away the stones from our hearts and souls, opening us up to come before You just as we are. Deliver us from all doubt and despair, draw us back from our wandering and return us to live for You alone.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Risen Redeemer, protect this world from the enemies of peace, grant safety to the vulnerable and guide the work of our leaders with wisdom and truth. Empower Your church to be witnesses of the empty tomb, heralds of resurrection joy and peacemakers in the name of our friend Jesus.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Risen Redeemer, You live to bless us with Your love; You live to plead for us above; You live our hungry souls to feed; You live to help us in our time of need. Let us live knowing that our Redeemer lives.

**People:** **What a Redeemer we have in Jesus. 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.

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

#### "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*Hymn 461*

(vv. 1-2, 6-8)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He  
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.  
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

## **\*THE DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:** Go in Easter peace and serve the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

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