

# Easter Sunday

Romans 6:9 ESV



...death no longer  
has dominion  
over him.

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Welcome!

Enter with Prayer – Worship in Awe – Leave to Serve.

*On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the “eighth day” of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!*

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE . . .** “Easter Alleluia” - Leilani Camara, Carmen Blair, and Dean Sieglaff

Please Stand

**WELCOME**

*P: Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.*

**All: Amen.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Incredible, surprising, renewing, life-giving God,

**All: we come this morning to be shaken from our complacency and our death-enduring routine;**

L: we come to be shocked by this story of resurrection,

**All: Open our eyes, hearts, and minds, to the amazing experience of resurrection.**

L: The stone has been rolled away. The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

**All: May we listen eagerly and expectantly to the women who bring this life-transforming news, even though we have heard it many times before.**

L: Come to us, God.

**All: Come to us, resurrected one.**

L: Come in song, in prayer, in words in bread, in wine, in the presence of our sisters and brothers.

**All: Come and resurrect us. Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:  
Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

### LIGHTING THE NEW FIRE

*P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy morning when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection; share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.*

**All: Amen. Alleluia!**

*P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.*

**All: In flame us with a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness. Amen.**

*P: Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. To Christ belongs time and eternity; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

**All: Amen. Alleluia.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN . . . "Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" vs. 1, 2, 4

Text: Latin Carol - Tune: J. Walsh - Cranberry Hymnal #365



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!  
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!  
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!  
Praise him, all you 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!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## INVOCATION

*P: Loving God, as the day begins to brighten, shine your light into our lives. Chase the corners of sadness, expose our fears and bring us to the light of new hope, the dawn of possibility.*

**All: Open us to your resurrection power that knows no boundaries. Fill us with incredible joy, everlasting peace and unquenchable hope this day and always. In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected One. Amen.**

## A LITANY FOR EASTER MORNING

L: Easter turns doubts upside down,

**All: sets loose new possibilities**

L: reveals a God stronger than death,

**All: a love mightier than despair.**

L: Easter brings us the risen Christ,

**All: who knows our wounds,**

L: forgives our denials, sends us out to love and serve;

**All: who is not bound by a period in history but finds us wherever we journey;**

L: who receives our questions,

**All: whispers a word of peace and causes our hearts to be warmed.**

L: Easter releases the Holy Spirit,

**All: setting us free from sins that wound,**

L: resentments that smolder,

**All: anger that burns;**

L: empowering us to be witnesses to truth and obedient to a higher authority;

**All: causing us to walk with joy in our steps, hope in our hearts and a song on our lips.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: This is the day of new life.

**All: Christ has broken free from death.**

L: This is the day of limitless opportunity.

**All: The power that was nailed to the Cross has been released.**

L: This is the day of renewed community.

**All: In worship and through service, we are one in Jesus Christ.**

L: This is the day of wonderful celebration.

**All: God's love has suffered but won through; God's love is forever with us and for us!**

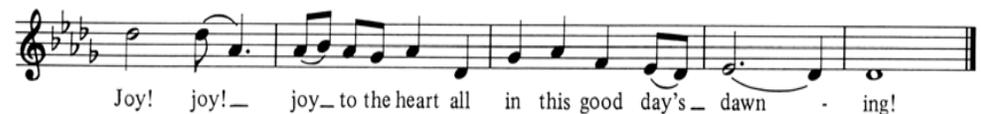
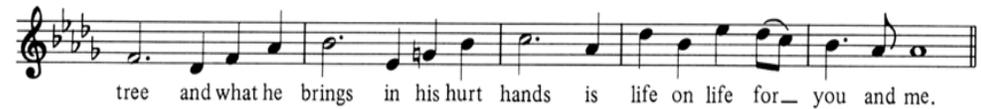
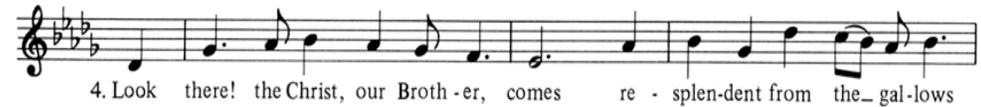
L: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Amen.**

Be Seated

## CHOIR ANTHEM . . . "Joy to the Heart"

Congregation please join in on verse 4



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(Repeat Refrain)

**READING . . . Acts 10: 34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand



P: *The Easter Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.*

All: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

**EASTER GOSPEL . . . Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: *The Easter Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

Be Seated

**CHILDREN'S TIME . . . "Standing at the Cross" - Carmen Blair**

Please Stand

**HYMN . . . “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds!” v. 1, 4**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach - Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge  
Cranberry Book #367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds in praise of love that  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”  
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!”



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”  
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Be Seated

**AN EASTER MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim**

Please Stand

**EASTER AFFIRMATION**

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: 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.**

Be Seated

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

L: In gratitude for the gift of new life in Christ,

**All: let us bring our gifts and our offerings this day.**

**THANKFUL OFFERING . . . “As Fair as Morn” – Instrumental Group**

Please Stand

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of love and grace, for the love and life that you give us in Christ,

**All: we offer you these signs of our gratitude;**

L: for the compassion and mercy that you give us in the Holy Spirit, we offer you our thankfulness and praise.

**All: Receive these gifts in your holy name. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare. Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith. Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love, and all who come to your holy table. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your Easter promise of resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

L: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Open up your hearts.

**All: We open them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

**All: It is good to do so.**

*P: God, you created everything. You make it good and beautiful.*

**All: You make bread for our food and wine for us to celebrate.**

*P: You celebrate when you create and fill the earth with your splendor.*

**All: Fill our hearts with the same joy as we celebrate your resurrection.**

*P: Lord Jesus Christ, our healer, you came into our broken world.*

**All: You were broken for us in order that we might be healed.**

*P: You rose from the grave to unleash new life in the world.*

**All: Fill our lives with the same life as we celebrate your resurrection.**

*P: We are bold to ask this of you because on the night you were betrayed, you sat with your disciples, took bread, said blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."*

**All: Feed us with your healing body now.**

*P:* Then you took the cup, said a blessing, and gave it to your disciples, saying: “Drink from this, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Each time you do this, do it in remembrance of me.”

**All: Revive us with your life-giving blood.**

*P:* Holy Spirit, you bring us together to sing and love and celebrate the Lord.

**All: Fill our spirits with the same hope of a day when all things will be together.**

### LORD’S PRAYER

*P:* Now with confidence as children of the Resurrected Lord let us pray:

**All: 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P:* We come to God’s table, remembering that this is the Easter table of abundance for all.

**All: We come, knowing that all are welcome and all things are made ready for us in Christ Jesus.**

Holy Communion is open to all and is served continuously from the center aisle.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion to be brought to you.

### Be Seated

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Text: Brian A. Wren - Tune: T. Williams - Cranberry Book #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



# COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!"

Text: Herbert F. Brokering - Tune: David N. Johnson - Cranberry Book #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



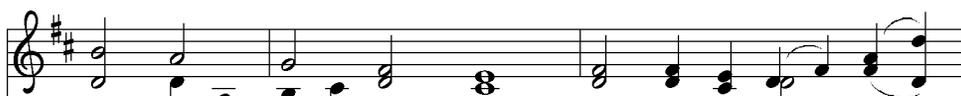
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

# COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley Tune: John Hatton - Cranberry Book #619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.



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|---|---|
| 5 He lives to bless me with his love;<br>he lives to plead for me above;<br>he lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>he lives to help in time of need.                       | 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>he lives, and I shall conquer death;<br>he lives my mansion to prepare;<br>he lives to bring me safely there. |
| 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br>he lives and loves me to the end;<br>he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;<br>he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! | 8 He lives, all glory to his name!<br>He lives, my Savior, still the same;<br>what joy this blest assurance gives:<br>I know that my Redeemer lives!    |

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*P: Open the gates of your hope and truth, O God.*

**All: Open our ears to hear your voice, when you call us by name.**

*P: Open our minds to recognize your presence in the bread and wine and as you walk beside us.*

**All: Live in us, that we may be signs of life and love for a world shrouded in sorrow and fear.**

**POST COMMUNION LITANY**

L: Sing praises to God, you faithful.

**All: Give thanks to God again.**

L: Weeping may linger for a night.

**All: But joy comes in the morning.**

L: Bare is the cross of our Lord against the sky.

**All: Empty, the tomb.**

L: Who, but our God, has the last word?

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia.**

L: Are you ready to tell the world what you have seen and heard?

**All: Bless us, O God, that our lives may witness to our risen Lord Jesus.**

Be Seated

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Stand

**BLESSING**

*P: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,*

**All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.**

*P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,*

**All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.**

*P: Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed.**

*P: Alleluia!*

**All: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN . . . "Thine Is the Glory" v.1, 2**

Text: Edmond Budry - Tune: George Frideric Handel - Cranberry Book #376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb!



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom;

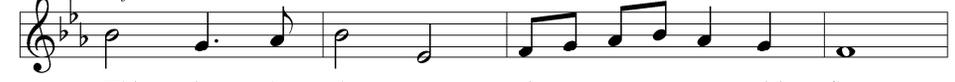


An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
let his church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.  
for the Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting!

*Refrain*



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;



end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Be Seated

**CHOIR ANTHEM . . .** *“Hallelujah Chorus”*

**DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE . . .** *“How Majestic Is Your Name” – Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

No formal ushering out.

Please stay for an Easter Breakfast immediately following the service.

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 am.

Visitors please sign our Guest Book and visit our website –

[www.holytrinityfremont.org](http://www.holytrinityfremont.org)



**EASTER GARDEN**

*Thanks to all who contributed plants, including:*

**Ryan, Erika, & Shawn Lullo** in memory of  
John & Barbara Lullo

**The MacFarlane Family** in honor of our family and our many friends, and in memory of Frank Sutter & Elizabeth Turner

**John & Faye Williams** in honor of Mabel Aiken

**Pastor Tim and Debbie Huff** in memory of our grandparents, and in thanksgiving for our children, families & HTLC

**Leilani Camara** in honor of Rogelio & Lani Lumibao

**The Keating Family** in memory of Lois Keating

**Sandy Barron** in honor of family

**Cheryl & Art Kuhlmann** in honor of family

**Carmen Blair** in memory of Ed Blair

and in honor of Henry, Simon, and Elin Blair

**Michael, Ellen, Rebecca, Anthony, Cassie, & Katarina** in memory of Susan Morgan

**Kate** in honor of the Mills Family

**Meg Ehmann** in memory of Ted Ehmann

**Arnold & Tammy Kuhlmann** in memory of all our angels in heaven

**Terry & Kathie Lindman** in memory of our parents Bob & June Lindman and Stanley & Hazel Erickson

**The Anderson Family** in honor of Elmer & Violet Anderson and Ralph & Marilyn Wieters

**Keith Hillesland & Richard Taylan** in memory of Harold Hillesland