



Christ is
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Alleluia!

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This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

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PRELUDE . . . *"Easter Alleluia Medley" – Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff*

P: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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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.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Look, life is here,

All: even when the tomb is empty.

L: Listen, love is calling,

All: even when death is all around.

L: Believe, for hope reigns victorious;

All: this is the gift of resurrection.

L: Come to us, God.

All: Come to us, resurrected one.

L: This is the miracle of Easter.

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

All: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

All: In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

P: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

All: At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

All: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

All: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

LIGHTING THE NEW FIRE

P: Children of Our Living Redeemer, 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: Inflame 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.

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: God of mystery and might, your wondrous love always seems to catch us off guard.

All: We come to the tomb looking for death, but find life instead.

L: As we behold the glory of our salvation, take us back to that moment of discovery, when grief and loss gave way to a glimmer of hope.

All: Before we shout our alleluias, remind us of the moment when despair was transported into glimpses of new possibilities.

L: In the holy awe of Easter morning, we take a moment of silent gratitude that Christ calls each of us by name.

(Moment of silence)

L: Shout it from the mountaintop: Christ is risen!
Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

L: *God is stronger than death.*

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

L: *Christ is stronger than death!*

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: *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.”

L: The Spirit is stronger than death.

All: Let everyone shout out: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: God is stronger than death.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Carmen Blair*

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN . . . *“Thine Is the Glory”*
– *Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff*

AN EASTER MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING . . . “We Are an Offering” – Leilani Camara

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of grace and God of glory, pour your power on your people this day,

All: that our lives may reflect the gift we have received through the resurrection of your Son.

L: Truly we see that you show no partiality offering abundance of life and fullness of grace to all who turn to you in their need.

All: With deepest gratitude for your many gifts, particularly the gift of your Son, we offer you our tithes and offerings this day. In the name of the resurrected one, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic we weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying,

assuring them of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

BLESSING

P: From darkness and despair, we find hope and joy.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth in joy!

P: From doubt and betrayal, we find trust and faith.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth in faith!

P: From suffering and death, we find healing and life.

All: Christ is risen! We go forth to live!

P: Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed.

All: Alleluia.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR POSTLUDE . . . *“Hallelujah Chorus”*

SINGING BOWL

Pastor: Tim Huff

Lay Liturgist: Debbie Huff

Lector: Rachel Huff

Children’s Time: Carmen Blair

Piano/Organ: Leilani Camara,

Violin: Dean Sieglaff

Choir: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Choir
(recorded 2019 by Arnold Kuhlmann)

Choir Director: Keith Hillesland

Video Editing: Carmen Blair

