

Hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” New Century Hymnal # 240 vs. 1, 2, 3

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

To the tomb the women bring, Alleluia!
Spices rich and offering, Alleluia!
Asking where might Jesus be, Alleluia!
Savior come to set us free, Alleluia!

There the angel clothed in white, Alleluia!
Tells the news with great delight, Alleluia!
This the news the angel gives, Alleluia!
That the Sovereign glorious lives, Alleluia

Please be seated and share in the reading our Unison Prayer

Unison Prayer “Surely This is the Day,” by Joseph H. Gilmore

O Thou wondrous, Easter God,
whom space cannot contain nor time weary;
Thou who art earlier than our living
and later than our dying:

Surely this is a day for a triumphant shout.
For like mourners at dawn
having come prepared
to anoint the lifeless remains
of goodness, gentleness, humility and truth,
we are astonished by Thy power
and blinded by Thy grace. Hallelujah!

What dies at the hands of corrupt authority,
blind arrogance and insatiable violence,
is raised up by the hands
that laid the foundations of the earth.

On this glad morning,
we stand as at the First Day –
life is again a garden
and not a jungle.
Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever!

Assurance of God's Love

Today, we witness the Resurrection of Christ Jesus in our own lives;
we open ourselves to your love and assurance that never failed Jesus
nor ever fails us. Help us to remember you are always there. Always.
Of this and your eternal presence we are ever assured. May we
answer your call to love, as Jesus did yours, in all the ways we may.

Friends, please rise

Passing of the Peace

Filled with this Joy of Easter and the renewal of this day and the days to
follow, we share the Peace of Jesus Christ; may it find its way into the
hearts of all around the world... Friends, with this in our hearts...

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

Please be seated

Joys and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys, Celebrations, Petitions and Concerns. Please wait for the microphone so that all those here and at home can hear you... all to hear...

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Creator God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance,² so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

³At that, Peter and the other disciple started out toward the tomb. ⁴They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He didn’t enter, but bent down to peer in and saw the linen wrappings lying on the ground. ⁶Then Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb. He observed the linen wrappings on the ground, ⁷and saw the piece of cloth that had covered Jesus’ head lying not with the wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed. ⁹As yet, they didn’t understand the scripture that Jesus was to rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ Meanwhile, Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, ¹² and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes.

One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain.

¹³ They asked her, "Why are you weeping?"

She answered them, "Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body."

¹⁴ No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"

She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please, if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!"—which means "Teacher."

¹⁷ Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the kin and tell them, 'I'm ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!' "

¹⁸ Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Anthem "Christ is Arisen" by Franz Schubert

Homily "Your Resurrection Too" Rev. Jeanne Baum

Church Covenant

In response to God's love, we covenant with each other
to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit,
revealed in the event of Jesus Christ;
to accept and respect each other with love and concern
in our worship and witness;
to reach out with the courage of our convictions in the cause of
justice, liberation and equality for all;
In this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise;
"I care, I am with you."

Benediction

Anthem "An Easter Prayer (Open the Tomb)" by James Ahrend

Ushers The Bell is Rung

Chancel Choir Postlude "Hallelujah!" from *The Messiah*,
by George Frideric Handel



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Today's Worship Leadership

Thank you!

Rev. Jeanne Baum, Guest Preacher

Music Director Sean Cameron and The Chancel Choir

James Cesare, Trumpet Soloist

Connie Kauffman, Liturgist

Ushers, Sue Lanchantin and Michael Hoff

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And all of you!

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