



**EASTER SUNDAY
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Welcome to Trinity!

*We're glad you've come to worship with us!
If you have any questions or would like
someone to visit you, please contact Pastor
Tesch. He will be happy to meet with you.*

***Large Print Hymnals and Wireless Hearing Units
are available from an usher.***

Video: *Welcome to Our Church*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW Hymn 157

Men Sing:

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

Women Sing:

**Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia**

Women Sing:

**Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Who endured the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save,**

Men Sing:

**Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia**

All Sing:

But the pains which he endured,

Alleluia

**Our salvation has procured,
Now above the sky he's King,
Where the angels ever sing,**

**Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia**

All sing a capella:

**Sing we to our God above,
Praise eternal as his love,
Praise him, all you heav'nly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**

**Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

EASTER DAWN LITANY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation.

C: **Sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.**

P: Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King.

C: **Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.**

P: Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light.

C: **Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CW Hymn 149 vv.1-5

The Resurrection

Pastor: The heart of our worship today is the fact of Jesus' resurrection. Our Lord literally, bodily rose from the dead. His suffering was real. His humiliation was real. His death was real. His resurrection from the dead is real, too. Therefore, life and hope are real in Easter!

Part 1: Jesus Appears to the Women at the Grave

Pastor: Easter changes the lives of everyone it touches. In our first reading, we witness how it changed the lives of the women who loved Jesus and were heartbroken over his death.

Pastor: When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus.

Cong: Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. They were saying to each other,

WOMEN: "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?"

Pastor: Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

Cong: The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Pastor: But when the women looked up, they saw the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

WOMEN: While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

The men said to them,

MEN: “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia **CW Hymn 150**

Pastor: They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

MEN: Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!”

WOMEN: They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

MEN: Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Pastor: While the women were in their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders, they devised a plan. They gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, “You are to say, His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep. If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

He’s Risen, He’s Risen **CW Hymn 143 vv. 1, 3, 5**

Pastor: Our second reading shows how Jesus removes fear and despair. Mary Magdalene feared the worst. She couldn’t find where he was and she was afraid that someone had taken him away. Jesus meets her and with a word, fills her broken heart with joy.

Part 2: Jesus Appears To Mary Magdalene

Pastor: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved.

WOMEN: “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!”

Pastor: So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in

Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on Jesus’ head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed.

ALL PEOPLE: (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

Pastor: Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet.

MEN: They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

WOMEN: She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.”

Pastor: After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus..

MEN: Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

WOMEN: Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.”

MEN: Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

Pastor: She turned and replied in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means, “Teacher”).

Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” She also told them the things he said to her.

Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won! CW Hymn 145 vv. 1, 4, 5

Pastor: Our third reading shows us how the joy of Easter spreads. Jesus himself reaches into the lives of people who have experienced tragedy and loss. The message of Easter removes their pain and fills their hearts with joy and hope!

Part 3: Jesus Appears To The Two Disciples On the Way to Emmaus

Pastor: Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him..

He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” Saddened, they stopped.

One of them, named Cleopas, answered him,

MEN: “Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

Pastor: “What things” he asked them.

WOMEN: They replied, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people.

Pastor: The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things

happened. Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

ALL PEOPLE: Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?”

Pastor: Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

This Joyful Eastertide CW Hymnal 160 v. 1

Pastor: As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther.

ALL PEOPLE: But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over.”

Pastor: So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. 31 Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other,

ALL PEOPLE: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

Pastor: They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. They were saying, “The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon.” They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

This Joyful Eastertide CW Hymnal 160 v. 2

Pastor: Our fourth reading shows how Jesus removes fear and doubt from our hearts. It can seem that evil is overwhelming and that we are so small. Jesus comes to us and gives us peace.

Part 4: Jesus Appears To His Disciples

Pastor: On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews.

ALL PEOPLE: Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!”

Pastor: But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.

He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate in front of them. He said to them,

WOMEN: “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

Pastor: Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be:

MEN: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Pastor: So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever

you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them,

ALL PEOPLE: “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Pastor: After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

ALL PEOPLE: Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

Pastor: Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

O Sons and Daughters of the King CW Hymn 165 vv. 4-7

P: Let us therefore confess our sins to God, sincerely repent of them and seek his mercy.

C: Holy God, I have come to the cross and the empty tomb. I have heard the testimonies of changed lives. Yet, like Thomas, I am often slow to believe. I am your child in my baptism, but I have lived as though you and my neighbor did not matter. I have broken all your laws in my heart, in my words, and in my actions. My sin is my fault and no one else’s. God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

O Sons and Daughters of the King CW Hymn 165 vv. 8

P: Lift up your heart and rejoice! God has heard your cry for mercy and seen your sorrow for sin. His own word promises that “he who believes and is baptized shall be saved,” and “that if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your

heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and in his stead, I therefore announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now, go, and bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

O Sons and Daughters of the King CW Hymn 165 vv. 9

Easter Prayer CW Hymnal p. 126

Like the Golden Sun Ascending CW Hymn 147 vv.1-3, 5

The Easter Litany

Pastor: Lord Jesus, on this first day of the week, we come together to celebrate your resurrection from the grave.

Cong.: He is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: You have promised that though our sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. So often we spoil our celebrations of your grace. Sin plagues our thoughts, words and actions. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. When our sins weigh heavily upon our hearts, assure us that you have arisen and our sins have been forgiven.

Cong.: He is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: Dear Jesus, we sometimes become so busy with all the things of this life that the hope of Easter fades. When the pace of life causes us to worry about where we must be, what we must do, and what is next, remind us that your empty tomb gives us victory over sin, death and hell. Sustain us, O Lord, with the sure and certain hope that we shall live forever with you when all life’s hectic cease.

Cong.: He is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: Death surrounds us everyday. As we watch your loved ones die, our hearts are saddened, and our eyes fill with tears. We know we too will die and our bodies will rest in the grave. Lord Jesus, give us confidence, hope and joy in the face of death. When death reaches for us and for our loved ones, comfort us with your empty tomb. Our graves will not hold us any more than your grave could hold you. Preserve us in faith that we may

be reunited with all believers and sing your praises forever. Give us the courage to share with others the hope we have because of your triumphant resurrection from the dead.

Cong.: He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia! Lord Jesus, you have arisen. Help us trust your resurrection in the days ahead, whether they are filled with joy or sorrow. Guide us each day until we stand before you to sing your praise forever. With joyful hearts we sing:

Welcome, Happy Morning CW Hymn 163 v. 1

The Blessing of the LORD

Cong.: Amen, Amen, Amen.

I Know that My Redeemer Lives CW Hymn 152
(vv.1-2 all sing, v. 3 women, vv. 4-5 all, v. 6 men, v. 7-8 all)

Video: Risen



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