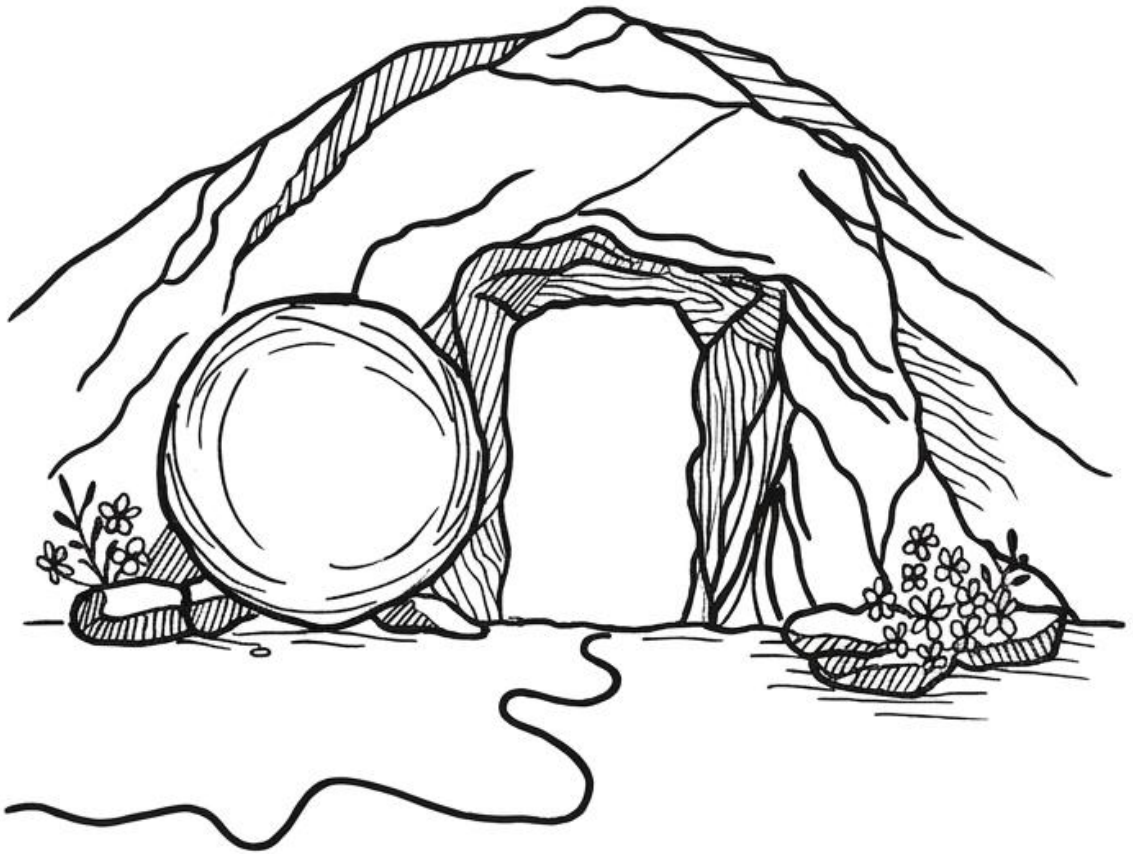


Easter Sunrise

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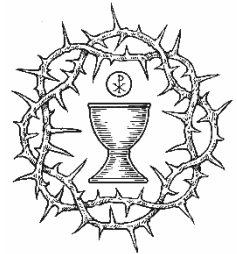
Jesus Dries My Tears and Takes Away My Fears

Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

Paschal Triduum

After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Year now reaches its climax. The Paschal Triduum celebrates the celebration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The word *Paschal* comes from the Hebrew word for Passover, and *Triduum* is Latin for three days. The three days of the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) form one unit – three parts of one continuous worship experience. The Paschal Triduum recounts the dramatic happenings of our Savior’s suffering, death, and resurrection for the salvation of the world. No more important events have ever taken place.



Today’s Focus – Jesus Dries My Tears and Takes Away My Fears

I can walk through a cemetery where loved ones are buried. What do I feel? Sadness as I think of their departure? Fear that I will soon join them? Without the resurrection of Jesus, I fear death and I continue to cry. But he lives, and it makes a difference. Jesus is the resurrection first fruits for the harvest of humanity. Dead is not dead forever. Death is not final at all! My deceased Christian loved ones are not gone forever. I will see them again. Jesus will do what he promised. He dries my tears. He takes away my fears.



Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Preacher: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Accompanist: Stephen Radsek

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Easter Sunrise



Opening Hymn

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom | 722 (CWS)

Please stand to sing the final stanza.



1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom;
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled!



Sun, re - veal an emp - ty tomb
As the Lamb of God to die;
Trum - pets, sound through - out the world!



Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
Cry - ing and sighs give way to sing - ing;



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows,
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed!
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing!



Life un - e - clipped by doubt and dread:
Where is your sting, O death and grave?
Let there be - gin the ju - bi - lee—



Christ has ris - en from the dead!
Christ has shown his strength to save!
Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

Invocation

Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter Exsultet *Rejoicing*

Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation!
Sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King!

Hymn

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice | 957

1 Re - joice, an - gel - ic choirs, re - joice! Re - joice now, all cre -
a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their voice to hail the
Lord's sal - va - tion. Let all Christ's ho - ly priest - hood sing the
tri - umph of their might - y King in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion!

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Tune: plainsong, 10th cent.; adapt. Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546

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Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of this light now poured out upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King!

Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.

2 O earth, ex - ult in ra - diance bright, il - lu - mined by Christ's
splen - dor! Your dark - ness now is put to flight; to him due
prais - es ren - der! Be glad, O Church! Sing out your songs! Your
tem - ples fill with shout - ing throngs to hail the glo - rious vic - tor!

Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light!
Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

3 Let all who gath - er round this flame, the sign of Christ's a -
ris - ing, the death - less light of Christ ac - claim, his sav - ing
mer - cy priz - ing; that all may live by faith in him who
con - quered death, de - spair, and sin to make us his for - ev - er.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today | 465

First Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: “I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

The First Song of Isaiah | 810

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today | Psalm 30 (CWS)

Refrain



Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD, you / saints of his;
praise his / holy name.
For his anger lasts only a / moment,
but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
weeping may remain / for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the / morning. *Refrain*

To you, O / LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for / mercy:
“Hear, O LORD, and be merci- / ful to me;
O LORD, / be my help.”
You turned my wailing into / dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be / silent.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Gospel

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon Text

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. ²LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. ³You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. ⁵For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken." ⁷LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

⁸To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy: ⁹"What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?" ¹⁰Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

¹¹You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹²that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Sermon

Psalm 30

Rejoicing Comes in the Morning!

Stand

Apostles' Creed *Credo*

Matthew 16:15; Luke 12:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Hymn Response

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands | 439:5-7



5 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free -
6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord
7 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread



ly gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree—
in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all,
of heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way



so strong his love— to save us. See, his blood now
the sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to
the old and e - vil leav - en. Christ a - lone our



marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,
us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;
souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!
the night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!
faith lives up - on no oth - er! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.

Tune: Latin, c. 1100; adapt. Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter

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Prayer of the Church

2 Timothy 1:10

O Christ, you are our life and our light. In your rising, you have defeated death. You are our defense and salvation.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

Stir our hearts that we may rejoice in your resurrection daily. Encourage us since your victory over sin, death and Satan is now our victory forever.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

We praise you, O Lord, and we proclaim that your name is exalted. Use us as the heralds of your grace to proclaim your salvation to those near and far who need to know you.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

Give your special blessing to those who proclaim your resurrection in word and song. Let your Holy Spirit move those who speak and sing, and create and strengthen faith in the hearts of those who hear.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

Give comfort and hope to the families and friends of those you have taken to yourself in the past year. Refresh their faith and dry their tears with the gospel of your resurrection and your victory shared with us.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

Have mercy on the dismayed, the suffering, and those who are burdened with illness of mind or body. Set their hearts on you and on things above, where one day we will all join you in glory.

By dying you destroyed our death! By rising you restored our life!

Risen Lord, as we celebrate your resurrection, raise us again from the death of the soul and renew us by your Holy Spirit; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

Hymn

Welcome, Happy Morning | 469

Stand

Closing Collect

Risen Christ, our stronghold, our sure defense and our Savior, refresh our hearts with the living water of your gospel and cheer our hearts with the shout of your victory. Dry our tears as we deal with the hardships and tragedies of this world and lift up our heads that we see you as our risen Teacher, Savior and Friend. You live and reign with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing *Aaronic Benediction*

Numbers 6:24-26

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness | 443