



what do you know about ...

*JOY?*  
Sunrise Service

April 5<sup>th</sup>



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## AS WE GATHER

As the sun rises on this Easter morning, we gather in the joy of the resurrection. The darkness has passed, and the light of Christ shines upon us.

Early on the first day of the week, the tomb was found empty. What once brought sorrow now brings joy, for death has been defeated and life has been restored. The promises of God have been fulfilled, and the victory of Christ is revealed.

This is the day the Lord has made. We rejoice, for Jesus is alive. The One who was crucified is risen, and in Him we are given new life.

## WELCOME – EASTER SUNRISE

Welcome as we gather on this Easter morning, rejoicing in the good news of the resurrection.

As the sun rises, we are reminded that Christ, the Light of the world, has overcome the darkness. The tomb is empty, and the promise of new life is ours in Him.

This is a morning of joy — a time to celebrate that Jesus is alive and that His victory over sin and death is complete.

We are grateful you are here to share in this celebration of hope and life.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Our Lord shares with us His precious Body and Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of the Christian Faith:

✝ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.

✝ I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.

✝ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

**\*\*The inner ring of the Communion tray has grape juice for those unable to take wine.\*\***

# ‡ SERVICE OF THE WORD ‡

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

*P: Alleluia. Christ has risen, as He said.*

**C: He has risen from the dead. Alleluia!**

*P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, Alleluia!*

**C: His love endures forever. Alleluia!**

*P: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!*

**C: He has risen as He said. Alleluia!**

*P: Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!*

## CELEBRATION HYMN

*This Is The Day*

### **Verse 1**

This is the day (2x),  
that the Lord has made (2x).

We will rejoice (2x),  
and be glad in it (2x).

This is the day (2x),  
That the Lord has made.

### **Verse 2**

Open to us (2x),  
the gates of God (2x);  
we will go in (2x),  
and praise the Lord (2x).  
Open to us the gates of God;

we will go in and  
praise the Lord.

Open to us (2x), the gates of God.

### **Verse 3**

You are our God (2x),  
we will praise Your name (2x),  
we will give thanks (2x),  
for Your faithfulness (2x).  
You are our God, we will praise Your  
name, we will give  
thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God (2x),  
will praise Your name.

*P: 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 the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Were You There?*

*Vicki Mueller*

### **SECOND READING**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

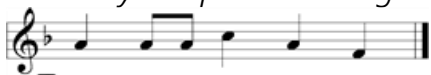
P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter:*



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, *They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.*

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

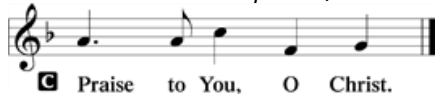
But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, *They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.* Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, *Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.* Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, *Rabboni!* (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to 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* — and that he had said these things to her.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



## **HYMN**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs 1-4)*

### **Verse 1**

I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

### **Verse 2**

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

### **Verse 3**

He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

### **Verse 4**

He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

## **SERMON**

**What Do You Know ... Joy?**

## **EASTER OFFERING**

## **OFFERING HYMN**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives (vs 5-8)*

### **Verse 5**

He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

### **Verse 6**

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

### **Verse 7**

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.

### **Verse 8**

He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **EASTER PRAYER**

*P: O God of life and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Your abundant grace, You have begotten us again to a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.*

**C: You have transformed the night of doubt and sorrow into the new and eternal day of joy and gladness.**

*P: You have brought life and immortality to light by the glad tidings that Christ is risen.*

**C: For this, O Lord, we give You thanks.**

*P: You have delivered Your Son, who died for our sins, from the grip of death and raised Him by Your power.*

**C: That which You sowed in dishonor and weakness, You raised in power and glory.**

*P: O Lord, we praise You that through Him You removed death's sting for us.*

**C: You have brought us victory over the grave.**

*P: Fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection.*

**C: Grant to Your Church and people everywhere the power of the resurrecting Christ.**

*P: Help us to show forth Your praises.*

**C: Bless our homes with the comfort and hope of Easter.**

*P: Send the conquering banner of Christ's victory into all the world.*

**C: Grant that many more nations may join the hosts of heaven in songs of triumph.**

*P: In the promise of Easter take away from us all fear of death.*

**C: Let the radiant beams of Easter's light shine into the depths of our souls.**

*P: Renew us in the Spirit of Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

**C: Speak peace to our souls and maintain our faith in Him who promises resurrection and life.**

*P: We pray in the name of our Risen Savior and Lord who has taught us together to pray:*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

### **Verse 1**

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling  
take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God  
and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and  
answer His call.

### **Verse 2**

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each  
tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name  
that we bear.

## **BENEDICTION**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*

### **Verse 1**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!

Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!

Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!

At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

### **Verse 2**

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!

Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

### **Verse 3**

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!

God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!

When contending death and life, Alleluia!

Met in strange and awesome strife.

Alleluia!

### **Verse 4**

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!

All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!

Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

## **AS WE GO**

As we go from this place on this Easter morning, we go in the joy of the risen Christ.

The darkness has passed, and the light of His resurrection shines upon us. The tomb is empty, death has been defeated, and the promise of new life is ours in Him.

The One who was crucified is risen.

The One who was laid in the tomb now lives.

The One who brings light into the world now fills our hearts with joy.

As we begin this new day, we carry that joy with us — into our homes, our conversations and our lives — sharing the good news of all that God has done.

**Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



**HE IS RISEN!** Have you ever woken up very early, when it is still a little dark outside? The world feels quiet and still. But then, slowly, the sky begins to change. Light starts to shine, and a brand-new day begins.

That's what Easter morning was like.

Very early, while it was still dark, some women who loved Jesus went to the tomb where He had been laid. Their hearts were heavy. They were sad because Jesus had died, and they weren't sure what would happen next.

As they walked, they wondered, *Who will roll the stone away from the tomb?*

But when they arrived, something amazing had already happened. The stone had been rolled away. The tomb was open. And Jesus was not there. At first, they were confused and afraid. But then they heard the good news:

***"He is not here — He has risen!"***

In that moment, everything changed. The sadness they carried turned into joy. The fear they felt turned into hope. The darkness of that early morning was filled with light. Jesus was alive!

The One who had died on the cross had risen from the grave. Sin was forgiven. Death was defeated. And God's promise had come true.

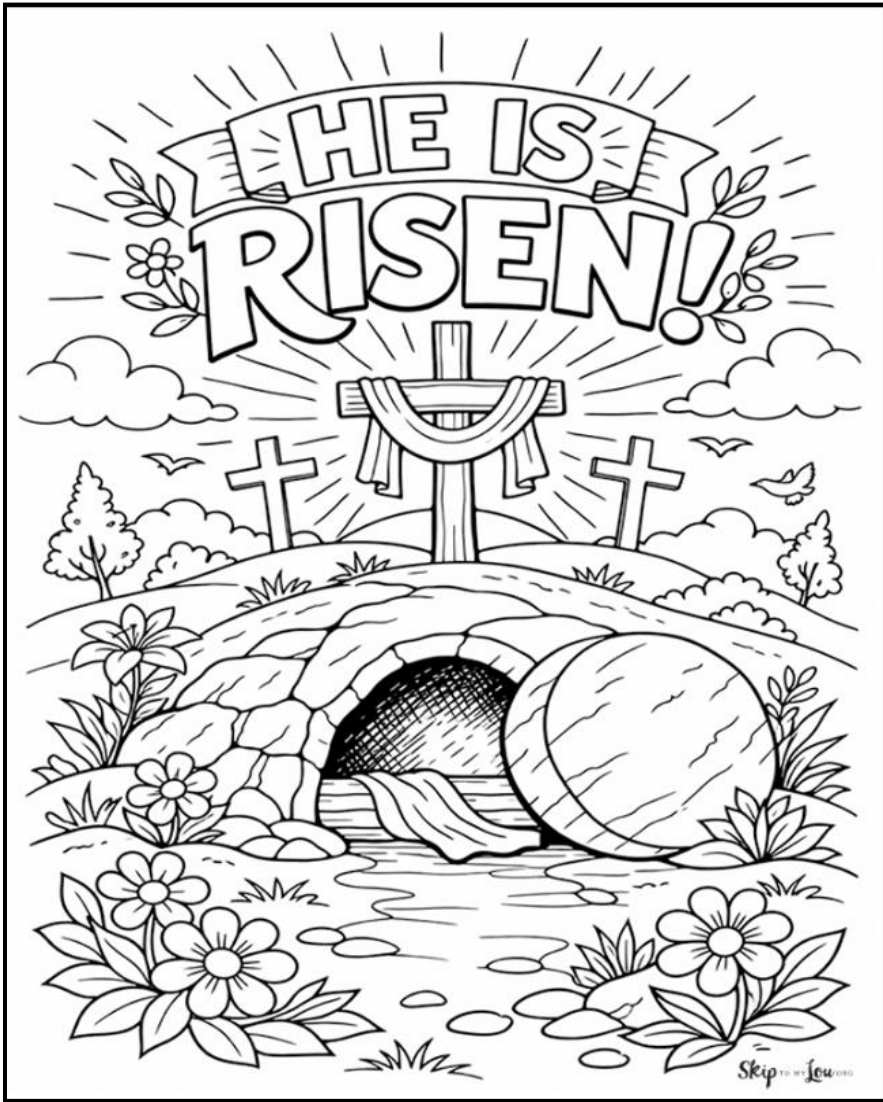
Just like the rising sun brings light to a new day, Jesus brings new life to us. Because He lives, we are never alone. Because He lives, we have hope that never ends.

Easter morning is a day of great joy — because Jesus is alive!

**ACTIVITY – COLOR THE JOY** As you color the picture, use bright and happy colors:

- yellow for the sunlight
- orange and pink for the sky
- green for new life

Think about how everything changes when the light comes.



**LET'S PRAY** Dear Jesus, Thank You for rising from the dead. Thank You for bringing light into the darkness and joy into our hearts. Help us to trust You and share Your love with others. Amen.

**ONE SENTENCE TO REMEMBER**

**Jesus is alive — and He brings us joy!**



# Easter Flower Dedication

*These Easter flowers are placed in loving  
memory, in honor, and in thanksgiving  
for the gift of new life in Christ.*

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