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## PRELUDE

Marilyn Boston

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG #1

Alive Forever Amen

Revelations Praise Band

*(Please be seated as we prepare our hearts for confession)*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
Amen.

**GATHERING SONG #2**

The Lamb arr. Mark Hayes

Alleluia Singers

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **THE FIRST READING FROM Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE SECOND READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rabbit's Easter Surprise

Angie Myers

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Alleluia, Praise Ye the Lord

God's Kids

### SERMON


Pastor Orin Cummings

SONG OF THE DAY


ELW 365

Marilyn Boston


# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today




1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## NICENE CREED

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith:**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.  
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

*(Please be seated and join us in prayer)*

**PRAYER SONG**      Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying      Revelations Praise Band

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and open our hearts to your will.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church and encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation and shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Empower new life among nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife, especially between Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestinians and Lebanese, and in Syria, Myanmar, Sudan, and Haiti. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice, transformation and compassion. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful grieving, or ill, especially Michael, JP, Scott, Mark, Ian, JD, Laurie, Linda, Casey, Mark, Bob, Tommy, and Beverly. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place by opening our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in our neighborhoods, wider community and the world. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG**      Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying      Revelations Praise Band

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:**

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION SONG**    Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)    Revelations Praise Band

### **TABLE BLESSING**



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection joy,  
now and always.  
Amen.

## SENDING SONG

He Reigns

Revelations Praise Band

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
Welcome all to worship;  
Make disciples;  
Hunger for ministry;  
Nurture youth;  
Gather resources for growing ministries;  
Offer healing and care to all in need.

## DISMISSAL

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## OFFERING

*(Please place gifts in the plate as you leave)*