

Date: 04/05/26 Season: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER (WHITE)

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PRELUDE

Toccata 7 by John Rutter

Marilyn Boston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In celebration of our baptism, we worship

In the name of God: Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Easter Song

**Cherub Bells/Alleluia Singers/
Revelations Praise Band**

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

SONG

Be The Centre

Revelations Praise Band

WORD

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

THE FIRST READING FROM Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SECOND READING FROM COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alleluia, Christ is Risen

God's Kids

GOSPEL Vicar Abbey (Narrator), Nathanael Cummings (Angel), Pastor Orin (Jesus)
Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.**

Dramatic reading by Jean Bardy, Nathanael Cummings, and Vicar Abbey

Narrator: ¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women,

Angel: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

Narrator: ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said,

Jesus: "Greetings!"

Narrator: And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

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| Children Gathering Song | Allelu, Allelu | All Kids |
| CHILDREN'S SERMON | Rabbit's Easter Surprise | Angie Myers |
| SPECIAL MUSIC | I Know That My Redeemer Lives "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel | Dawn Zahralban |
| SERMON | Alive! | Pastor Orin W. Cummings |

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 365

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. Wabsh, *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:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
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

As We Pray

Revelations Praise Band

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation and open our hearts to God's will.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Where there is war bring peace, especially in Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, especially Allie, Bridget, Jennifer, Lynn, Mr. Broussard, Allison Gregory, Mel Hadley, Madison Herrod, Mike Long, Dorothy Benthine, Edward Dykman, Tommy Brewer, Joann Crabtree, Naomi Waterland, Rob Rushton, Gabe Derr, Terry Touhey, Mary Jane Auld, Linden Cummings, Lou Echols, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection, especially Bruce Whiting. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, protect Roger Poland as he rides across the country and bless him with greater appreciation for the many and diverse ways you sustain creation. Receive our prayers, O God of resurrection power, and use us to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PRAYER SONG

As We Pray

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Raise Me Up

Ella Greninger

Song writers: Rolf U. Lovland/Brendan Graham

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 new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Will Glorify

Quartet

Oliver Jones, David Siewert, Scott Estrem, Frank Noto

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Day of Resurrection

Cherub Bells

COMMUNION SONG

Do This

Revelation Praise Band

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Alive Forever Amen

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)