

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

8:00 am

PRELUDE

GRACE NOTES *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* -arr. by Kevin McChesney

WELCOME TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

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***HYMN #365** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" PD

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life. Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

A: *"Let us together confess our sins, using the words on our screen."*

A: God of love, **C: in our failure to keep your commandments we have clung to the old life of sin within us. We have not loved you with all our heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Free us from the power of sin, guide us by your Spirit, and help us in our weakness, that we may live as your children, restored to new life. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Revelation 19" - Words and Music by
Jeffrey LaValley; Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

Word

*GOSPEL READING – JOHN 20:1-18

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.

EASTER SERMON BY PASTOR MIKE

***HYMN #838** vs. 1-4 "Beautiful Savior" PD

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: *"Let us celebrate our common faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed."*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING & REFLECTION MUSIC BY GRACE NOTES

"Because He Lives"

-by William Gaither; arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Table

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

SHARING THE MEAL

Our Lord Jesus is the host of this communion meal. We welcome all baptized Christians to join us.

HYMN #826 "THINE THE AMEN"

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HYMN #502 "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS" PD

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Sending

*BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever. C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #382 v.v. 1 & 4 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" PD

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, serve the Risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE by Peter's Players

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