



EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

April 5, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

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Preservice

Ringing of the Bells

CANTOR:

“Christ is Arisen”

Christ is arisen from the grave's dark prison.
We now rejoice with gladness; Christ will end all sadness,
Lord, have mercy.
All our hopes were ended had Jesus not ascended
from the grave triumphantly.
For this, Lord Christ, our thanks shall be,
Lord, have mercy.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness,
Lord, have mercy.

Words of Welcome

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438



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!

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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!

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PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

M: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

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First Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away,
and you comfort me.

²Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust him and will not be afraid,
because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song,
and he has become my salvation.

³Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name.
Declare among the peoples what he has done.
Proclaim that his name is exalted!

⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things!
Let this be known in all the earth!

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,
for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir

“Resurrection Alleluias”

Jesus has risen! Rejoice throughout all of creation.
Let praises rise as believers join in celebration.
Vict’ry is won in Christ our Savior, God’s Son.
He is our hope and salvation.

Now let us sing! Glad alleluias will ring;
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Glad alleluias to our King!

Death is defeated! The grave could not hold Christ our Savior.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
High praise we sing. Pure adoration we bring.
He rules and reigns now forever.
He rules and reigns now forever.
Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough?⁷Purge out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ! ⁸So let us keep celebrating the festival, not with old yeast, not with the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

444 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CW 444 sts. 1, 4-5



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate to



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
life im - mor - tal; this shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
when I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Gospel

John 20:1–18

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

³So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ⁵Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She told them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they have laid him."

¹⁴After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and replied in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means, "Teacher").

¹⁷Jesus told her, "Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father—to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" She also told them the things he said to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 1-2, 5-6, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Sermon

Colossians 3:1-4

¹Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

“The Great Easter Day Search”

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Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Easter Prayer

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead. In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

The 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED AS WE PREPARE THE ALTAR FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
 You have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days, Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
 sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
 to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it

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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
he died on the accursèd tree—so strong his love—to save us.
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
Now his grace to us imparts eternal sunshine to our hearts;
the night of sin is ended. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day on Christ, the bread of heaven;
the Word of grace has purged away the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink indeed;
faith lives upon no other! Alleluia, alleluia!

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Closing Responses

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

461 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

CW 461

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is
God, my Lord; the gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, and Sa - tan's ar - rows
bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing glo - rious,
life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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