



PLUM Worship

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

3:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today - Brass Fanfare

<https://youtu.be/EQtdUDh5BEA>

WELCOME and PRAYER REQUESTS

GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice! Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen indeed!

This is God's doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

Rejoice! Jesus is risen!

Jesus is risen indeed!

HYMN Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

<https://youtu.be/6QMUnrbY9VU?si=5SE1z0YtFnDY1uhW>

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.*

*In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
He suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.*

*Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
Through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

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

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of resurrection, You loved us so completely that you willingly submitted to a human death, and by your sacrifice, you destroyed death forever. Give us new life every day, that we might proclaim the good news of your salvation to all the world, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: *Psalm 118:21-27*

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 16:1-8*

A reading from Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Readers: Narrator, Mary, White Robed One

Narrator: When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another,

Mary: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Narrator: When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them,

White Robed One: "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Narrator: So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON **PASTOR SUE DEVINE**

HYMN **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

https://youtu.be/MI_CBs9nM38

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their songs of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,

therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still he comes to give us life

and by his presence still all strife.

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

set heart and will on things above

that we conquer through your triumph;

grant grace sufficient for life's day

that by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring

and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,

to Spirit blest, most holy God,

all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Risen God, free us from our fear, that we might boldly proclaim the good news of all that you have done for us. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Whether in seasonal climates or in climates where the cycles of change are more subtle, we will always see signs

of renewal and growth. May each new sprout or newborn life form be a joyful proclamation of the resurrection. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

As you called upon Jesus' women disciples to proclaim the resurrection, continue to raise up leaders from among marginalized communities, that they might open our eyes to new and effective solutions to the world's challenges. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

You promise us eternal life, where there will be no more sickness or grief. Until that time, send your healing strength to all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might be comforted in their pain, (*especially...*) God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of all good gifts, your Son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Help us to understand our youth as they grow in years and in knowledge of your world. Teach us to encourage their search for truth and value in their lives. Protect and bless all of our young people, especially.... God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord, you know what is best for the ministry of PLUM. Continue to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, that we may faithfully carry out your work which you have entrusted to us. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

People around the world are celebrating this holiest of days, the resounding declaration of what makes us Christians. Unite the whole church in every nation, that all might work together toward your reign of justice for all people. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

With gratitude we remember all whose Easter faith has inspired us in our own walk with you. May we rejoice now in their memory, and with them eternally in the world to come. God of new life, **In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

At this time, we offer ourselves to God—our physical resources and our whole life—recognizing that all we are and all we have are God's given to us and for which we

are stewards. If you have a monetary offering for your congregation, please send it or deliver it to the church.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer ourselves, our time, and our resources to you, that you would use them to transform our world for the good of all people and all creation. Accept these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness to you and commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

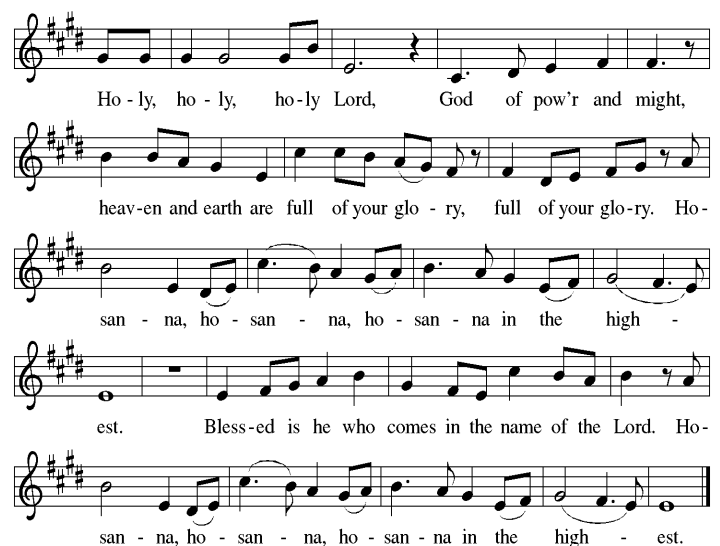
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as the Lord taught us.

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.

INVITATION

Christ who is alive in this place now invites you to the table to share in the bread and wine that is his own holy presence and a foretaste of the heavenly feast that has no end. All is prepared—come and eat.

Take and eat the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**
Take and drink the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

HYMN Jesus Christ is Risen Today

<https://youtu.be/fcCYple13VQ>

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

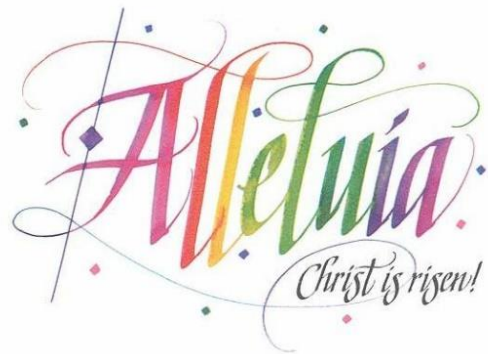
**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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