

Alleluia!



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WORSHIP SUNDAYS
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

SATURDAYS at 6:00 P.M.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20, 2014

6:30 am

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Sing unto the Lord; for He has done excellent things.

C: Sing, O Heavens; and be joyful, O earth, for the Lord has comforted His people.

OPENING DIALOGUE

L: People of God, you have come seeking the Christ, the Son of the living God.

C: Yes, we have set our doubts aside and we have come. We have lived with our fear too long and we have come. We have heard that Jesus has conquered death and we want to hear the good news again.

L: Do not be afraid, for He has risen from the dead. He has broken the tomb wide open. He has come back to life and is living together with us right here - right now.

C: We have felt His loneliness, we have prayed His prayers, and we deserted Him. We feel guilty.

L: There is no need for your guilt - for He has taken it with Him to the cross and has paid the ultimate price for your sin. This is good news - He is alive - so that we can be alive.

C: This is good news. He is alive.

L: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–10

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After 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, "Do not be afraid; 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

EASTER MEDITATION

SETTING THE TABLE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

C: **Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed
one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to

all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING LITURGY FOR EASTER SUNRISE

L: You are God:

C: We praise you.

L: You are Lord:

C: We acclaim you.

L: The glorious company of apostles praise you.

C: The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

L: The white robed army of martyrs praise you.

C: Throughout the world the Church acclaims you.

L: Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

C: You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

L: When you became man to set us free, you did not spurn the virgin's womb.

C: You overcame the sting of death and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

L: You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge.

C: Come, then, Lord, help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

L: O God, for our redemption, you gave your only son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

