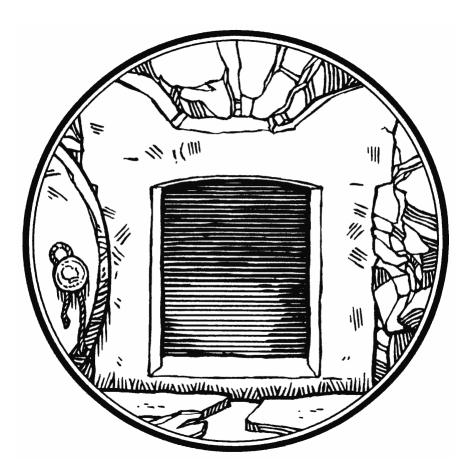
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Easter Sunrise

April 20, 2025

6:31 a.m.

All gather before sunrise.

Pre-service Music

T Lighting of the Paschal Candle T

Just as the Advent wreath helps us anticipate the birth of Jesus, the "Light of the World," so the Paschal Candle, as a symbolic reminder of the risen Christ, reminds us that the darkness of sin and death has been overcome by the resurrection of our Lord. The Paschal Candle will burn throughout the Easter season.

Please stand and face the candle.

- P Brothers and sisters in Christ: On this joyous day we celebrate that our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life. We join with all of God's people in remembering and reveling in his victory over death and our deliverance from the bondage of sin and darkness to freedom and everlasting light.
- C "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."
- P Eternal Lord of Life, through your Son you have given your people the brightness of your light. As we kindle this flame, kindle in our hearts and minds a holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ until we feast at the banquet of eternal light, through Jesus Christ, the Son of Righteousness.
- C Amen.

A new flame is kindled.

Blessing of the Paschal Candle

- P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,
- C Amen.

The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.

- **P** the Alpha and the Omega.
- C Amen.

The year is traced on the paschal candle.

- P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Five wax nails are placed into the paschal candle.

- P By His wounds we have healing both now and forever.
- C Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

- P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds now and forevermore! Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Salutation & Prayer for the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

All sit.

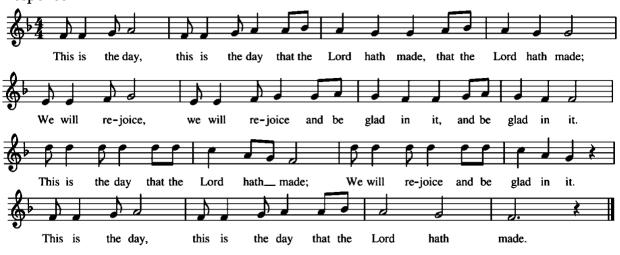
T Word T

Old Testament Reading

¹⁷"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Response



Epistle

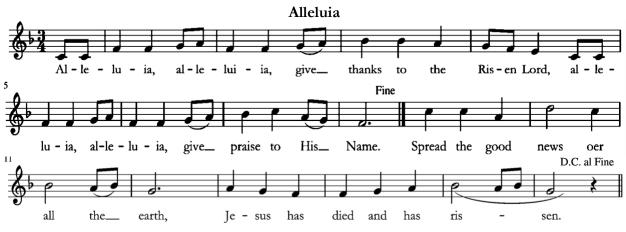
1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 65:17–25

All stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

After each petition	n P	Risen Lord, in your mercy,	С	hear our prayer.
At conclusion	Р	through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.	С	Amen.

All sit

Offering

T Meal T

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus [tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen] Sing holy, holy, holy Lord, The God on high by all adored. Alleluia, alleluia! The heav'ns above and earth below To one and all His glory show. Sing hosanna! Christ has risen! Life is dawning, joy increasing. Alleluia!

The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **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.

Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace

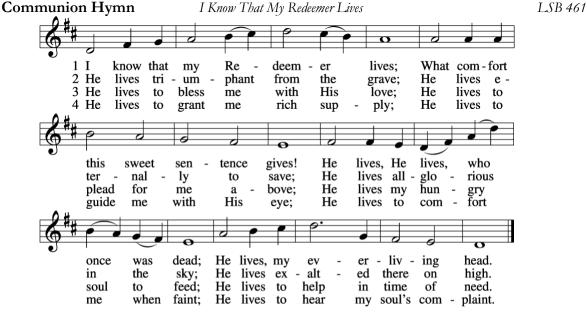
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei [tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen]

O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray, Take all our sinfulness away. Alleluia, alleluia! O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray, Take all our sinfulness away. Mercy show us, peace bestow us. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All sit

Distribution of Holy Communion



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives.

When the communion is concluded, all stand.

Post-Communion Praise [tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen] Thank we the Lord and sing His praise. From death's dread grip He's Jesus raised. Alleluia, alleluia! Tell all the world what God has done, Sing out your joy about His Son, His salvation, in each nation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

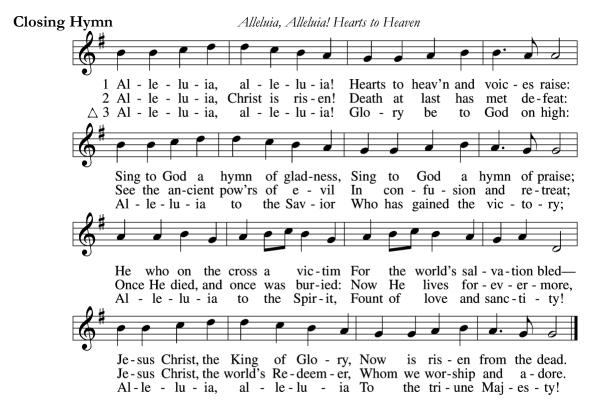
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us with this Sacrament of life and salvation. Keep us firm in Easter faith throughout the days of our pilgrimage until eternal light dawns upon us from above; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **P** This is the day the Lord has made;
- **C** Let us rejoice in it!
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♥ give you peace.
- C Amen.



Brief Silence

Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Go in peace and live in the Lord!
- **C** Thanks be to God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

In His Service This Day

Pastor Ben Maton Music Director and Organist Eric Franzen Violinist Karl Durland

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