

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 20, 2025

“The Empty Tomb”

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”



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 endured, 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!



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 ye 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!

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

C: **"We have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil nor fade."**

L: Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done glorious things!

C: "Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice O earth; for the Lord comforts his people."

L: Alleluia! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory.

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: "Burst into songs of joy together for the Lord has comforted his people."

L: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EASTER PRAYER

HYMN #466

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

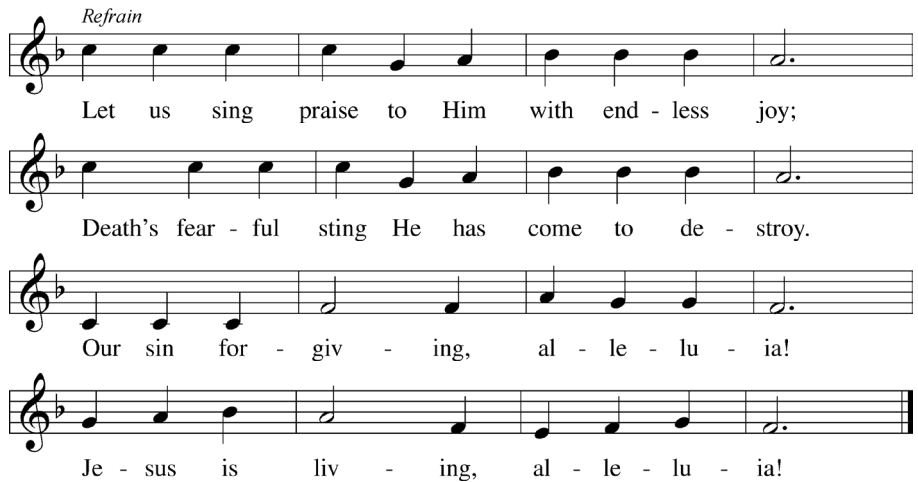


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
 Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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PSALM 150

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
 praise Him in His mighty heavens!

C: **Praise Him for His mighty deeds;**
praise Him according to his excellent greatness!

L: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
 praise Him with lute and harp!

C: **Praise Him with tambourine and dance;**
praise Him with strings and pipe!

L: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
 praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

C: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**
Praise the Lord!

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

SOLO

“Because He Lives”

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN #488

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heav'n are open.

My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,

Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer! Christ victorious,

Rising glorious, Life is giving.

He was dead but now is living!

Text: Birgitte Katerine Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

L: This is the Gospel of the Resurrection of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE CREED

L: Let us join together to confess our faith in our risen Lord.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity!

This is most certainly true!

HYMN #474

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"



1 Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Walk - ing the way,

3 Je - sus the vine,

4 Weep - ing, be gone;

5 Cit - y of God,

Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -

Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the

We are the branch - es; Life in the

Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -

Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch-



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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EASTER DRAMA

"He Is Risen!"

HYMN #479

"Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living"

Christ is risen, Christ is living, Dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.
Do not look among the dead for One who lives forevermore;
Tell the world that Christ is risen, Make it known He goes before.

If the Lord had never risen, We'd have nothing to believe.
But His promise can be trusted: "You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam, So in Christ we live again;
Death has lost its sting and terror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.

Death has lost its old dominion, Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living, Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God, who causes Hope to spring up from the ground;
Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.

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EASTER WORD

"The Empty Tomb"

John 20:1-18

HYMN #490

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt. Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

OFFERING

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

L: O Christ

C: have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: hear us.

L: Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again."

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women.

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who appeared to seven disciples on the sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who appeared to Peter and to the twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C: have mercy on us.

L: By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

C: good Lord, deliver us.

L: By Your victory over sin and death,

C: good Lord, deliver us.

L: By the majesty of Your risen body,

C: good Lord, deliver us.

L: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us Lord Jesus.

L: That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C: grant us, good Lord.

L: That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C: grant us, good Lord.

L: That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C: grant us, good Lord.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace. Amen.

PRAYERS

L. O God...through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: Amen.

L. Almighty...one God, now and forever,

C: 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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #465

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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 song 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 stills all strife.

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!

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