



HE IS RISEN

ORDER OF WORSHIP

by Gregory

EASTER 2024 | 7:00 & 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; All liturgy & hymns are from the red hymnal)

L=Leader / C=Congregation

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PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude
for quiet reflection and preparing for worship*

WELCOMING WORD *Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here but has risen!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

+Hymn # 367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C - Amen.

L - Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as

children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for

the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C - Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 "This is the feast..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God,

C: we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS - Praise Team

"Celebrate Jesus" (9:00 a.m.)

"To Be Alive"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he

was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 16

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "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. ⁷But 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." ⁸So 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.

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+All (sung response): Praise to you, O Christ

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *Believe for It*

(9:00 a.m.)

Director

Diane Dangerfield

Instrumentalists

Barb Underwood

Ty Albrecht

Kristin Willcutt

Alan Fauque

Charles Willcutt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+**HYMN #376** *Thine Is the Glory*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EASTER MORNING

We believe in the God who brought immortality to life in the gospel of Christ Jesus.

We believe in the Christ who brought faith in a loving Creator to life in the gospel of resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who brought hope in ourselves to life in the gospel of boundless renewal.

We believe in grace that is stronger than evil, in mercy that is larger than suffering, and in joy that is greater than death.

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen indeed!*

OFFERING - "*My Redeemer Lives*" Praise Team (9:00 a.m.)

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

OFFERING PRAYER: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

MEAL

+**The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 144

+**Words of Institution**

+ **The Lord's Prayer** pg. 145 (right hand column)

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: #380 *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: **Shepherding 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

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C: Amen

+HYMN #365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Luke 1:26-38, The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, The Resurrection Body

Wednesday, Mark 16:1-8, Easter Morning

Thursday, Psalm 133, The Blessedness of Unity

Friday, Daniel 2:1-23, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Saturday, John 12:44-50, Summary of Jesus' Teaching

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”

- Mark 16:5

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

- What synonyms and metaphors can help people today understand what it means to fear God? (Acts 10:35)
- If you sang a glad song of victory, what would it focus on? What words would you use? (Psalm 118:15)
- Why do you think it matters that Mary was the first to see the risen Christ? (John 20:16)?

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. Amen.

BLESS: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace.

WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.

