

Easter Sunday

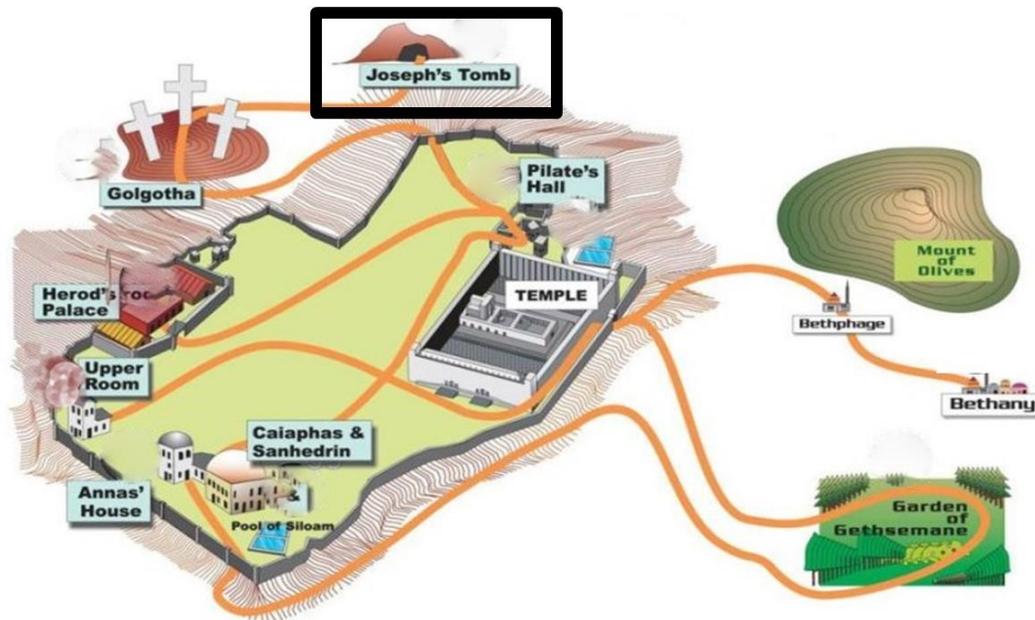
April 4, 2021

Resurrection

*Jesus' story is not finished. Neither is ours.
The possibilities are limitless.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Jesus' Holy Week Journey



Prelude

"Stay with Me"

Call to Worship

Jesus is Risen!!

We journeyed to the empty tomb and were asked
"Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!!

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Risen Lord,

We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.

Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of Day

God of Life, You astounded the women at the tomb with the surprising news of Jesus' resurrection. May their awe and joy be ours as we also go out to spread the gospel of life and salvation, in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

*Mary, the women, and Peter were amazed and perplexed by the empty tomb.
Clearly, Jesus' story is not finished. He is alive!*

Invitation to the Word

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I lift to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Message

Special Music

"Victory"

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 the People

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,
Lord, make us whole:
peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Give us the faith of the women who ran to share the news of your resurrection despite their shock and amazement at the empty tomb. Forgive us when we fail to believe and discredit the witness of others, as the disciples did.

Prayer petitions response
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Other petitions offered.

Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

Blessing

May the message of the women who found the tomb empty, bless you with the death transforming love of our living Savior, Jesus Christ. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song

Thine Is the Glory

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**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!** *Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** *Refrain*

Sending

Be amazed! The tomb is empty! Christ is risen!

Go and share this good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!

Postlude

"The Day of Resurrection"



Participants

- Pastors: Courtney Steitz, Michael TeKrony
- Prelude: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues
- Assisting Minister: Linda TeKrony
- Special Music: Jordan Ortman
- Liturgy leaders: Diane & Kevin Klinkerfues, Bryan Bennett, Judy Ekberg
- Opening & Closing Song: Chancel Choir – Directed by Dave Gleason
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Brenda Gleason, Mike Madsen, Eric Kurtz, Megan Hausmann,
Melinda Powelson, Scott Ikenberry, Kevin Klinkerfues,
Denise Ikenberry, Diane Klinkerfues
- Postlude: Jordan Ortman
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