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**Worship Times**

Sunday 10:15 am  
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



*March 31, 2024*  
*The Resurrection of*  
*Our Lord: Easter Day*

# Gathering

## ✠ INTRODUCTION

*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!*

## ✠ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## ✠ GATHERING HYMN - I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

*(ELW #619) verses 1, 2, and 4*

## ✠ GREETING

P 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.**

## ✠ GLORY TO GOD– (ELW p. 204, Setting Ten)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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.

# Word

## ✘ **FIRST LESSON – Acts 10:34-43**

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

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ✘ **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## ✘ **SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

<sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## ✘ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Be Not Afraid (ELW #388)**

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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## ✘ GOSPEL – Mark 16:1-8

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When 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]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## ✘ SERMON

### ✘ HYMN OF THE DAY – Christ the Lord is Risen Today (ELW #369)

### ✘ APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**C 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 INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.  
God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for all in this community of faith, especially those we now name before you, silently or aloud. We pray for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others.  
God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen.**

## ✠ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## ✠ OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world. After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward. **Please stand, as you are able.***

## ✠ OFFERING PRAYER

A 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.

C **Amen.**

# Meal

## ✠ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## ✘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Setting 4, ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## ✘ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe... 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 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.**

## ✠ 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.**

## ✠ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## ✠ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### ✠ COMMUNION HYMN – My Jesus, I Love Thee

- 1 My Jesus, I love you, I know you are mine;  
for you, all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, 'Tis now.
- 2 I love you because you have first lov-ed me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love you for wearing the thorns on your brow;  
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, 'Tis now.
- 3 I'll love you in life, I will love you in death,  
and praise you as long as you lend me my breath;  
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow;  
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, 'Tis now.
- 4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore you in heaven so bright;  
and singing your praises, before you I will bow;  
if ever I loved you, my Jesus, 'Tis now.

## ✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A 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.

**C Amen.**

## ✘ BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

## ✘ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✘ SENDING HYMN – **Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW #389)**

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## ✘ DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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