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Easter Sunrise

March 31, 2024

6:00 am

***Striking of the New Fire and the Service of Light**

Prayer for Blessing the New Fire

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people; Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter festival so that burning with desire for life with you they may be found fit to take part in that festival of light which has no ending through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light^l of Christ.
Thanks be^l to God.

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The Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
And for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
Radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ
puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and ✠ frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
Amen

Let us pray. O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Affirmation of Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have heard from the scriptures of God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all its empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism; to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Ring of Bells

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

**Easter Gathering Hymn-Green 131- “Christ Is Risen!
Alleluia! “**

The Prayer of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried

him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of The Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Sermon – Pastor Troy

Hymn of the Day –674 –(Blue) - “Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen”

The Prayers

Trusting in Christ's Passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection, awaken your church from the slumber of sin and complacency. Lead us out of the shadows of the tomb to walk in newness of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Deliver the nations from powers and systems that threaten or harm individuals and communities. Renew our ways of living faithfully with you and with our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Make yourself known in the depths of human suffering, and give hope to those who are overwhelmed by grief and despair or illness, *especially* and those we name in our hearts now, Assure them of your presence and promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Prayer List

Emma Shaffer, Lou Moser, Mary Hoida, Elaine Englehardt, Kristian Keefer, David and Sandy Campbell, Sarah, Bonnie Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Sandy Tobey, Piper Sharpe, Marvin and Joanne Brown, Dylan Newman, Moner Ramos, Janice Divers, Dusty and Maz Hunter, Charlie, Pam,,Trudy Dempsey, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Pam, John L, Bonnie Kishbaugh, Dave Harner, Kelly L W, Joe Serafin, Bill Flook, Anne Poorbaug, Shari Slowick, Donna Lynn, Tammy Sandrock, Pastor Koons & Ken, Nancy Lynn, Todd Dzaik, Matt Picara, Cameron, Carol Bankes, Tim Coleman, John Untisz, Terri Shadle, Chris Cortes, Elaine ,Vicki Fink, Becky Hosler, Rick Ayers, Barb and Family, Beth, LuAnn L., Eddinger Family, Family of Andi McDanel, Art Hosler, Morgan

The Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*The Offering: Offering baskets are placed on the tables at the entrance.

The Offertory 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

♪ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.
 ♪ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.
 ♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.

Hallelujah!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia

Distribution of Communion

Now is the time to receive communion and you are welcome here. Should you rather receive a blessing than the sacrament, please come forward and simply cross your arms. Our bread is not gluten-free but we have a gluten free option available - please indicate your need for gluten free to Pastor Troy as you come forward. We do serve white wine as part of the sacrament. Please know if you choose to receive only the bread, you are still receiving the fullness of God's presence. Should you not be able to come forward, Pastor Troy will bring the sacrament to you.

The ushers will direct you.

Organ Music

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev-'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who
seek the Lord re-joice, re-joice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us, O God, with your
prom-is-es, and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

Benediction

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Hymn – 151– (Green) - “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

The Worship is over let the Service begin!

Please join us for Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service

