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<u>Reaching Others (through) Active Discipleship</u>
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March 31, 2024 Easter Sunshine Service

8:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Welcome

Children's Message

Pastor Kim

Call To Worship for the Resurrection of our Lord

based on Psalm 118

This is the day! When angels bring light into our shadows, and call us to remember. This is the day! The Lord awakens us with unexpected grace, and the sun breaks out in song.

This is the day that the Lord has made! The day when life triumphs over death, when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in every moment. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

Easter Proclamation

The stone was rolled away. **Christ is risen!**The tomb was found empty. **Christ is risen!**The angel said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" **Christ is risen!**Because this is true, we proclaim the resurrection this day and always, **Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymn of Praise





First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 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. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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Holy Gospel John 20:1-18

(Before the reading) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early 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. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

(After the reading) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Pastor Kimberly Jordan

Hymn of the Day "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW #367

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Prayers of the Faithful

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering (The offering will be collected during the Anthem.)

Resurrection Ringers Anthem

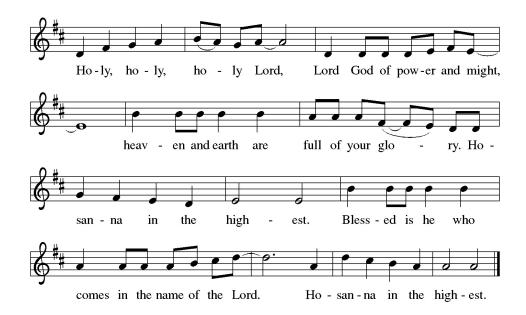
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Arr. Arnold Sherman

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...



Words of Institution

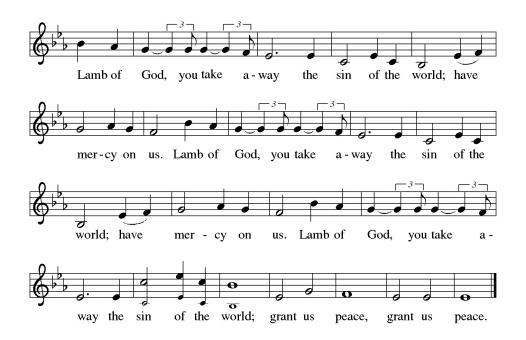
Lord's Prayer see screen

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution

The ushers will direct you. Please come forward to receive the bread in your open palm. Take a cup from the tray. Please place your used cup in the basket near the altar.



Distribution Hymn:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

ELW #619

Anthem

"Death was Arrested"

Sanctuary Choir

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

Benediction

Go forth in joy! Christ is alive! Go forth to serve the risen Christ! Go forth to tell the great good news! And may Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

ELW #376

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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