

Easter
Holy Communion April 1, 2018

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PRELUDE

P. As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

P. On the first of the week at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, on the third day rise."

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" No. 151 LBW

GREETING

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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**

KYRIE

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A: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A.: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise

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A: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... *Prayer of the day*

Celebrate insert

C: Amen.

READINGS AND PSALMODY

Celebrate insert

Following the readings:

A. The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel

Celebrate insert

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

D:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Lesson for the Lambs – Children’s Sermon
Sermon

The Hymn :

“The Strife Is O’er”

No.135 LBW

Nicene Creed **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrate

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please feel free to share God's peace.)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

* OFFERTORY

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Let the vineyards be fruitful. Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY Prayer

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A. Merciful Father,

C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions signs of your gracious love, Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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P. You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank

you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise; the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for our only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it. And gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink. Saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son; his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life; his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly (on this day) we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

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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.

P. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C. Lord I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"

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C. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace .

Administration of the Holy Sacrament

First Holy Communion for the Junior Confirmation Class

(All baptized believers are welcomed to participate in the Holy Eucharist)

Communion Music

Post Communion Canticle

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C: Thank the Lord and give him praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shout of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Post Communion Prayer

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A. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

*** BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

* Recessional Hymn: “Now All the Vault” No. 143 LBW

* The Dismissal – A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude:

There is no Children’s Church today so everyone may enjoy the Easter Service.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

- April 1 – Christine**
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- April 2 – Sheila**
- April 4 - Makiah**
- April 5 - Micah**
- April 7 – Maggie**

We would like to congratulate everyone who is celebrating a birthday or anniversary last week and in the coming week.

Please if you know of anyone in the hospital or with any other special needs call Pastor Anderson to let him know. Thank you.

This Week at a Glance

April 1 – April 7

Wednesday	6:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm	Joyful Ringers
Sunday	10:30am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School

†❁† PRAYER LIST: †❁†

There are many on our prayer list. Those are listed in the bulletin available as you enter for Worship on Sunday Morning.

Each Sunday our printed bulletin, the celebrate, and flowers on the alter, beside the alter, and in the pulpit and lectern areas are sponsored by members and friends of our congregation. The information concerning this is printed in the bulletin available as you enter for worship.

The flowers in the Easter Garden are presented to the Glory of God, in Loving Honor, and In Loving Memory of Families, Friends, and Loved Ones by members and friends of our Congregation as printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin available as you enter for worship on Sunday morning.