

Easter

The background of the entire page is a composite image. The top portion shows a dark blue night sky filled with stars. Below this, a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky transitions from purple and blue to a bright orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, three wooden crosses of varying heights stand on a rocky, grassy hill. The central cross is the tallest, flanked by two shorter crosses. The sun is positioned directly behind the central cross, creating a strong silhouette effect and a lens flare.

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DEATH HATH NO MORE DOMINION OVER HIM.

ROMANS 6:9

Easter Sunrise Service

THEME: Adversaries are overthrown by the majestic, almighty deeds of our God. Egypt is halted in their pursuit against Israel. Our greatest adversary, death, is obliterated by Jesus' descent into hell and His resurrection to new life.

It is a new dawn!

Together with Mary Magdelene, the disciples, and angelic host, we bear witness to linen cloths, no longer needed, and an empty tomb, no longer needed.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Responsive Psalm ... *Psalm 118:15–29*

¹⁵Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

**¹⁶the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**¹⁸The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

**²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

**²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Reading

1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifth chapter.

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

John 20:1–18

P A reading from John, the twentieth chapter.

The Resurrection

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away 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.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had 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 went back to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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 Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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 that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Meditation on John 20:1-18 - “A New Beginning”

The Apostles’ Creed may be confessed.

Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

sts. 1, 3, 5-6



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
 5 The world a - gainst me ra - ges, Its fu - ry I dis - dain;
 6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
 Though bit - ter war it wa - ges, Its work is all in vain.
 My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
 My heart from care is free, No trou - ble trou - bles me.
 He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
 Mis - for - tune now is play, And night is bright as day.
 He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.

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Prayers

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

Blessing

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

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We Reconvene at the Church for Easter Breakfast

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