

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31, 2024

PRELUDE / PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30am) “*Christ is Risen!*”

Choir

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

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

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. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG “*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*”

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GREETING

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.

KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE “*This is the Feast*”

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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.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30am) “ Today He is Risen !” Choir
(10:30am) “ Rejoice, the Lord is King” Handbells

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading Acts 10:34-43
Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “ Alleluia” p. 151

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

SERMON

SERMON SONG “ *Thine is the Glory*” #376

APOSTLES' CREED

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE “*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*” #184

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All are welcome!

Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request)

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

SENDING SONG *“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”*

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(vs. 1-2, 5)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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