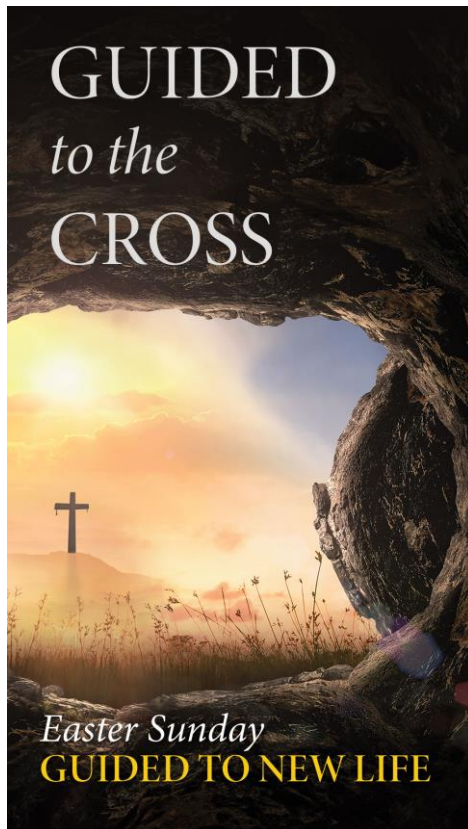


Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?

Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service.

Pre-Service Songs

My Redeemer Lives

I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin. I believe, I believe;
My shame He's taken away, my pain is healed in His name. I believe, I believe;
I'll raise a banner, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.
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You lift my burden, I'll rise with You;
I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your Kingdom come.
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Opening Song Roll Away The Stone

They have been saying all our plans are empty.
They have been saying “Where is their God now?”

Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone.
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They have been saying no one will remember.
They have been saying power rules the world.

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They have been saying no one hears the singing.
They have been saying all our strength is gone.

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They have been saying “All of us are dying.”
They have been saying “All of us are dead.”

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The apostle Paul writes, “In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.”
C **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

P We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
C **For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

P When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’
C **‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’**

P The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
C **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

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C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
C **Almighty God, in Christ Jesus we have been raised to new life, but we often turn back to our old ways. We follow our own selfish desires instead of walking in the ways of our Lord. We listen to the temptations of the world instead of gladly hearing your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in newness of life.**

P Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take away our sins. He was raised in triumph over death. In him we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Lord Jesus, set your cross before us and lead us to walk in newness of life.**

Man of Sorrows

Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God,
By His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused,
Beaten, mocked, and scorned,
Bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns.

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, "It is finished!
Praise and honor unto Thee."

Sent of Heaven, God's own Son,
To purchase and redeem,
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree.

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, "It is finished!
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Now my debt is paid; It is paid in full
By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me.
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See, the stone is rolled away;
Behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised!
He's risen from the grave!

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah!
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Prayer of the Day

P Jesus our Savior, risen Lord, we rejoice in the victory over sin, death and Satan that you have won for us through your death and resurrection. In baptism we were buried with you and raised to walk in newness of life. We look forward with joy to your return on the Last Day, when we will be raised in glory as you were raised.

Until that great day, lead us to grow in faith through the study of your Word and to reflect the light of your love to the people we meet each day. Make us bold witnesses for you so that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, others will come to know and worship you as Lord. Mighty, conquering Savior, hear our prayer and accept our praise.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:1-8

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”

So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

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.

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The Offering

Prayer of the Church

P Lord and Savior, you laid down your life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. You were raised to life in triumph over sin, death and Satan, and your victory is our victory. Crucified and risen Lord,

C Lead us to walk in newness of life.

P Lord and Savior, in Baptism we are buried with you, united to you in your death and raised up to walk in newness of life. We live now as children of light, created anew to walk in your ways. Crucified and risen Lord,

C Lead us to walk in newness of life.

P Lord and Savior, by God's grace through faith, we have been raised to new life in the power of your resurrection. Lead us to follow closely in your footsteps. Help us to walk in love as you did, and to live with kindness and compassion toward others. Give us opportunities to share the good news of salvation so that others will come to rejoice in your resurrection. Crucified and risen Lord,

C Lead us to walk in newness of life.

P Lord and Savior, we pray for those who are struggling with pain, illness, grief or anxiety, those we name before you now [*especially...*]and those we name in our hearts. Comfort them with healing and hope and the promise of eternal life in your presence. As we walk in newness of life, lead us to help and serve them in love. Crucified and risen Lord,

C Lead us to walk in newness of life.

P Lord and Savior, you have conquered death, and you have promised, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). In you we have new life now and the hope of eternal life. When you return on the Last Day, we will be raised bodily from death as you were raised to live in your presence forever. Crucified and risen Lord,

C Lead us to walk in newness of life. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

The Invitation

P: This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

C: I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.

Words of Institution

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,
remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,
for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is Your body and Your blood
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;
We love You our sweet Jesus.
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Distribution

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life

My future in His hands

Amen amen

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Communion Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.

Go in His peace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to announce this gracious Good News so that many may join us at the Lamb's high feast; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
Benediction

P We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
C In order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the
great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with
everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in
his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
C Amen.

Alive Forever, Amen

Let the children sing a song of liberation;
the God of our salvation set us free.
Death, where is thy sting? The curse of sin is broken,
the empty tomb stands open, come and see.

He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.
Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah: alive forever, amen.

Let my heart sing out for Christ, the One and only,
so powerful and holy, rescued me.
Death won't hurt me now because He has redeemed me,
no grave will ever keep me from my King.

He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.
Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah: alive forever, amen.

He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.
Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah: alive forever, amen.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy of our praise;
Worthy is the One who has overcome the grave.
Let the people dance, let the people sing;

Worthy is the mighty King! (REPEAT 2X)

He's alive, alive, alive, hallelujah; alive, praise and glory to the Lamb.

Alive, alive, alive, hallelujah: alive forever, amen.

He's alive forever, amen! He's alive forever, amen!

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