

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

Preparation for Worship

"See What a Morning"

*See what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

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Welcome

"He is not here...He is going ahead of you into Galilee" said the young man dressed in a white robe, and when the women saw him, "they were alarmed." Well, of course they were. Jesus is risen, but they are directed to go to Galilee. Where exactly is Galilee in Mark's gospel? Mark 1:14 says, "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God." It is where we hear the good news of God! And it is where Jesus proclaims that "the kingdom of God has come near." Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!** A joyous Easter to all! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

## **GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD**

Hymn of Praise

"Resurrection Hymn" (See What a Morning)

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Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

*See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?' as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name, it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise, to the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

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Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust**

**your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response #117

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your spirit till the work on earth is done.**

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Time with the Children (Kids spell Love T-I-M-E)

Prayers of the People & The 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response #291

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name! Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name!**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

## **GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

*1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Words of Faith and Hope"

Responsive Psalm for Easter (Psalm 118:14-24, NIV)

The LORD is my strength and my defense;  
**he has become my salvation.**

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:  
**“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;  
**the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”**

I will not die but live,  
**and will proclaim what the LORD has done.**

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

Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
**I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.  
**I will give you thanks,**

For you answered me;  
**you have become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
**the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

The LORD has done it this very day;  
**let us rejoice today and be glad.**

### GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn #288

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-luia! All creation join to say Al-le-luia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-luia! Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Al-le-luia!

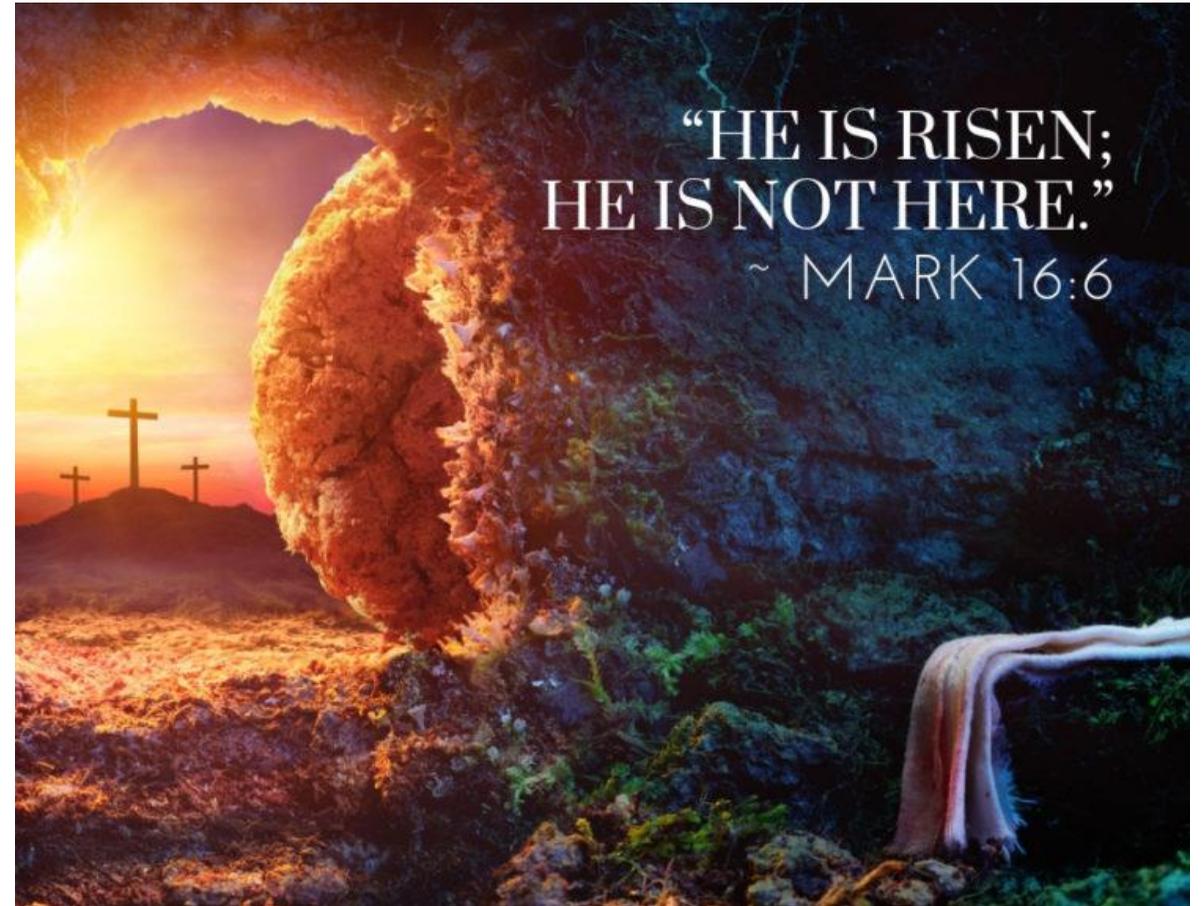
Love’s redeeming work is done, Al-le-luia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-luia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-luia! Christ has opened paradise. Al-le-luia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-luia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al-le-luia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Al-le-luia! Where’s thy victory, O grave? Al-le-luia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-luia! Following our exalted Head, Al-le-luia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-luia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-luia!  
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Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*



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