

Sunday, April 20, 2025,
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: Solo: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

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Call to Worship:

One: Because of this day, all of history has changed.

All: Christ is risen!

One: The power of death has been put to death.

All: Christ is risen!

One: May all glory and honour be to God alone through our risen Lord.

All: Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

VU 155

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah!
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!**
- 3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!
our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!**
- 4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Approach

O glorious Day that sees Him rise! This is the day, a day like no other. The chains of death are shattered! The power of Satan is no more! The tomb cannot hold our Christ! Death cannot overcome the power of God's love for all creation! Just when we thought the all hell had broken loose, Christ arose from the grave so that all heaven broke loose instead! All glory and praise be to God! He has done great things, and holy is His name now and always! We now join our hearts and voices to say together,

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 118: 14 - 24

Children's Time:

Gradual Hymn: This Is the Day That God Has Made

VU 175

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

**1 Christ has conquered death at last,
left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night,
dawns the morning clear and bright!**

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!**

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

**2 Jesus lives who once was dead,
lives forever, as he said!
Risen now our Saviour, King;
songs of gladness let us sing!**

**This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice, and be exceeding glad!
This is the day that God has made!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!**

Gospel Reading: John 20: 1 - 18

We Listen

Meditation:

Musical Offering: Risen

We Respond

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Closing Hymn: Thine Is the Glory

VU 173

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: An Easter Benediction

**Hosanna in the highest
strains the church on earth can raise
The highest heav'ns in which he reigns
shall give him nobler praise
Amen**