



“PLACES OF THE PASSION: GARDEN TOMB”

**Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:00AM
Worship Service**

AS WE GATHER

In this Places of the Passion service for Easter Sunday, we marvel with the women at the garden tomb—now empty—and hear the good news from the angel: “He has risen, just as he said.” All fear is gone because Jesus is alive and all faith is found in his words of comfort and peace.

BELL CHOIR

“Tower Bells”

arr. Ingram

Stand

INVOCATION

P Christ is risen!

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

P Let us ever walk with Jesus!

C **To see the depths of his love!**

P To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

C **To gaze upon the heights of his grace!**

P To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy!

C **We travel to the garden tomb.**

P And we need not be afraid.

C **For Christ is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

C **Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

Sit

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Today we celebrate and remember Christ is risen! But amidst our celebration is the somber reminder that while Jesus died and rose again we continue to sin. Therefore, let us go before our Heavenly Father and with a true heart confess our sins, begging Him in the name of our Risen Savior to grant us forgiveness. Forgive us, O Lord, when our besetting sins entangle us and completely surround us.
- C** **Who will rescue?**
- P** Forgive us, Lord, when we are so eager to get, but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts, but so unwilling to bear the cross.
- C** **Who will rescue me?**
- P** Forgive us merciful Father, when we avoid making any commitment to you; when we doubt that you really see our sin; when we disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for ourselves.
- C** **Who will rescue me from this body?**
- P** Forgive us, O God, when we are quick to find fault, but resentful when someone points out our faults; when we are so soon at play, but so late in prayer.
- C** **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**
- P** Father, forgive us when we rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when we are so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.
- C** **Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

HYMN

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB 609 sts. 5 & 6

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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- P** Hear the good news! Jesus went to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. And Jesus lives for you! That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!
- C** **I shall follow where you guide!**

Sit

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Ingram

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God and Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23–27

P The Old Testament Reading is from Job, chapter 19.

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:15–18

P The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 8.

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.”⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

SERMON HYMN

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461 sts. 1-4, 8

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love. Let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Living Lord Jesus, on the first day of the week, you rolled away the stone from the tomb and opened up life for all who believe. Roll away the stones of fear in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Living Lord Jesus, replace our fear with bold faith—a faith that looks at challenges, pain, setbacks and heartaches and gives it all to you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Living Lord Jesus, release us from the prisons of fear that we might be free. Set free all who live in bondage to anxiety, chained to addiction, and enslaved to evil. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Living Lord Jesus, you set your table before us, the remembrance of the Passover fulfilled and the anticipation of the future prepared for us; give us faith that we may receive this Holy Communion for our benefit and show forth love for you and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Living Lord Jesus, you address the sick and the suffering with your grace to heal, relieve, and restore—give to all the sick, the wounded, the grieving, and the dying the full measure of your healing grace to support them in their need. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Living Lord Jesus, you bid us to go forth confidently with Easter faith and a deathless and endless hallelujah; we will do just that, in the power of your Holy Spirit and as a witness to the world.
- C** **Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world, You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation, and that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ, that we may faithfully receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P Assembled at His invitation and trusting in His salvation, we pray You, O Lord, to grant us the Holy Spirit, that we may receive with faith His most holy body and most precious blood in this Sacrament. Grant also that we may keep in holy hearts and in holy lives what we have received upon our lips and, preserved from sin and obedience, may be prepared by this foretaste to enjoy the eternal feast He has prepared for us in heaven, where we shall know Him and the power of His resurrection face-to-face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and with the words He taught us, saying:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633 sts. 1-7

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have given us grace this day to hear in our ears the Good News of our Lord's resurrection and to receive with our lips His crucified and risen body and blood. Grant that by this Holy Communion we be sustained in faith, equipped to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and be kept holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life; 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 Jesus invites us to walk with him to the garden tomb, a place of great joy and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all our days to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

CLOSING HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685 sts. 1 & 4

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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