



Easter Sunday  
April 24, 2011 – 10:00 AM

Approaching the (Empty) Tomb

Easter Acclamation

Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Introit and Return of Christ Candle -

*Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty Reigns*

*(Sing! # 39, green book)*

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please sign and pass friendship pads.)*

\* Gathering Hymn - *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (Praise! #231, red book)*

\* Greeting from God and People's Amen

\* Prayer of Adoration

\* Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you**

*(Please extend this peace with your neighbors.)*

Why Look for the Living among the Dead?

Prayer for Illumination – **Be Still and Know that God is here** (3x)

Children's Message

Gospel Proclamation – Luke 24:1-12 (page 860 in the pew Bible)

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Easter Alleluia - *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* (Sing! #44, green book)

Epistle Lesson - Colossians 3:1-4 (page 957 in the pew Bible)

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Preparation – *Goodness is Stronger than Evil*

*Words: from An African Prayer Book; Music: John Bell*

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;**

**Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

**Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.** (2 X)

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Easter Sermon – “Seeing Death through the Lens of Life”

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

\* Song of Response and Affirmation - *My God* (page 4)

Sacrament of Communion

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

*All who are baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ  
and are actively growing into such truth are warmly welcome to this meal.*

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... With your church throughout earth and heaven, we join our hearts and voices, as we sing:

*Sanctus and Benedictus*

*St. Bride*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**  
God of power and might, **God of power and might,**  
heaven and earth are full, **heaven and earth are full,**  
are full of your glory. **are full of your glory.**

Blessed is the one who comes, **Blessed is the one who comes,**  
in the name of the Lord! **in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray ... We pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

**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**

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Wine

*Communion will be served in two stations near the front. Please come down the middle aisles and return to your seats using the outer aisles. Deacons will also collect tithes and offerings up front. Please know that an elder is available to serve you in your pew.*

Communion Music

*Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia*

*John Bell*

*solo:* 1. Jesus is risen, alleluia! Worship and praise him, alleluia!  
Now our redeemer bursts from the grave;  
lost to the tomb, Christ rises to save.

**Come, let us worship him, endlessly sing:**

**Christ is alive and death loses its sting.**

**Sins are forgiven, alleluia! Jesus is risen, alleluia!**

*all:* 2. **Buried for three days, destined for death,  
now he returns to breathe with our breath.**

**Blest are the ears alert to his voice;  
 blest are the hearts, which for him rejoice.**  
*all:* 3. **“Don’t be afraid!” the angel had said,  
 “Why seek the living here with the dead?  
 Look where he lay, his body is gone,  
 risen and vibrant, warm with the sun.”**  
*women:* 4. **“Go and tell others, Christ is alive;  
 love is eternal, faith and hope thrive.  
 What God intended, Jesus fulfilled;  
 what God conceives can never be killed.”**  
*men:* 5. **Christ has arisen! Now all can see  
 how humankind is meant to be free.  
 Though pow’rs of darkness threaten their worst,  
 through every barrier Jesus has burst.**  
*all:* 6. **Let heaven echo, let the earth sing:  
 Jesus is saviour of everything.  
 All those who trust him, Christ will receive;  
 therefore rejoice, obey and believe!**

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*Santo, Santo, Santo / Holy, Holy, Holy text and music: Spanish traditional*

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!  
 Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Senor.  
 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
 My heart pours out my praise to you; you are holy, Lord.**

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*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Sing! #258, green book)*

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (Sing! #261, green book)*

### Singing a New Song

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- \* Song of Sending – *Sing a New Song (page 4)*
- \* Changing of the Light
- \* Benediction with Sung *Amen – Amen, amen, alleluia, amen. (Sing! #286, green book)*
- \* Postlude

\* indicates portions of the service where you may stand if you so choose and are able

**Bold** indicates the part of the congregation

My God

*Towend*

1. **My God, full of mercy, heard our weeping, came to bring us home again.  
My God takes the broken and makes them whole.**
2. **My God touched the leper, raised the lame man. And he caused the blind  
to see. My God takes the broken and makes them whole.**
3. **My God stood for justice. Shamed the prideful, but he called the sinner  
“friend.” My God takes the broken and makes them whole.**
4. **My God felt the anguish of the soldier, made his child to live again.  
My God takes the broken and makes them whole.**
5. **My God, mocked and beaten, crushed and bleeding, yet crying ‘Father  
God, forgive.’ My God became the broken to make me whole.**
6. **My God, on the third day, in the morning broke the shackles of the grave.  
My God took the broken and made them whole.**
7. **My God knows my failures, speaks forgiveness, gives me strength to try  
again. My God takes the broken and makes them whole.**

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Sing a New Song

*Text: Psalm 98; Dan Schutte, Tune: Dan Schutte*

*Refrain:* **Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high!  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing “Alleluia.”**

1. **Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord.  
And play with joy on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.**
2. **Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.  
God has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.**
3. **Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.**
4. **The city walls shall be rebuilt, the Lord will weep no more.  
Red and yellow, black and white, shalom is shared by all.**

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**May Christ’s resurrection bring grace, mercy and joy in your life.**