

## Gathering

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (ELW 365)

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Special Music: *A Hill Called Mt. Calvary* Eryn Tvette

## Children's Message

## Word

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 (GNT Pew Bible page 1426)

<sup>1</sup> You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right side of God. <sup>2</sup> Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> Your real life is Christ and when he appears, then you too will appear with him and share his glory!

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song: *Alleluia* (Now the Feast)

Gospel: Gospel: John 20:1-18 (GNT Pew Bible page 1297)

<sup>1</sup> Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Behind him

came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there <sup>7</sup> and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (<sup>9</sup> They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back home.

<sup>11</sup> Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her.

She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!"

<sup>14</sup> Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> "Woman, why are you crying?" Jesus asked her. "Who is it that you are looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener, so she said to him, "If you took him away, sir, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned toward him and said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (This means "Teacher.")

<sup>17</sup> "Do not hold on to me," Jesus told her, "because I have not yet gone back up to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am returning to him who is my Father and their Father, my God and their God."

<sup>18</sup> So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: *Easter Sermon* Pastor Naomi Mahler

Song of the Day: *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* (ELW 364, vs.1,2,5)

Prayers of Intercession, Peace (ELW p. 105)

**Meal**

Offering

## Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us again at this table for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table and Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

### Songs during Communion:

*Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)

## Post Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word,  
and our hearts burn within us.  
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.  
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

### Announcements

### Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead  
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,  
and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song: *Crown Him (Majesty)* (Tomlin et al)

### Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Be at peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude: Vicar David Severtson

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