

DOXOLOGY* *together*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

HOMILY

*Idle Tale and Uneasy Truth:
The Nonsense of an Empty Tomb*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*

insert, 8:45 am

We welcome you, as your mask remains on, to come forward to share the Bread and Cup. Upon receiving the Meal, simply remove your mask at that moment, then return to your pew with your mask on. Or, if you would like to remain where you are, we welcome you to utilize the Communion packet at your pew.

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BENEDICTION *together*

Go now in peace.

Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

Hallelujah from *Messiah* G.F. Händel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of His Christ; And he shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Symphonie V: Toccata Charles Marie Widor

WE WELCOME ALL— All are invited to participate fully in the life of this community of faith and love regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. We welcome all with open hearts, open minds, and open doors! Those who wish to become members are encouraged to contact: jay@raynenola.org

OFFERING — Your generosity and gifts enable Rayne’s ministries, thank you! Offerings will be received in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary behind the last pew. You may also give online (raynenola.org/contribute), by texting “giverayne” to 73256, or using the QR code.



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EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022



"Holy Women Near the Tomb," Maurice Davis

THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to All!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities,
and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia, amen!**

Maybe someone comes to the door and says, "Repent," and you say, "Come on in," and it's Jesus. That's when all you ever did, or said, or even thought, suddenly wakes up again and sings out, "I'm still here," and you know it's true. You just shiver alive and are left standing there suddenly brought to account: saved. Except, maybe that someone says, "I've got a deal for you." And you listen, because that's how you're trained—they told you, "Always hear both sides." So then the slick voice can sell you anything, even Hell, which is what you're getting by listening. Well, what should you do? I'd say always go to the door, yes, but keep the screen locked. Then, while you hold the Bible in one hand, lean forward and say carefully, "Jesus?"

~ William Stafford, Easter Morning

PRELUDE

Toccata on O filii et filiae

Lynwood Farnam

Marcus St. Julien

CALL TO WORSHIP* *responsively*

Rev. Marissa Teauseau Horvath

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

HYMN*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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PRAYER *together*

The presence and peace of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: **Holy Lord of mercy and might, we are tired and a little anxious. We find that sometimes it is easier to live in the darkness than to walk in the light of your love. Forgive us, we pray. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill us with amazement, wonder, joy and hope. For the glory of our eternal kingdom, we pray.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11:00 am

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**The People Standing*

RESPONSE *together* *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

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Antiphon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions
hath dispersed; let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting
thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

(Antiphon)

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the sanctuary for a time of sharing with the pastors then attend children's church in the education building.

OFFERING

Ushers with offering plates will pass by each pew. Please pass your gift to the usher or place in the box on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

Chancel Choir

Laurie Phillips, Rebecca Sullivant, Joseph Tate, Randall Bunnell, quartet

Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky

Horatio Parker

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry;
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply,
While He the King, the mighty King,
Despoiling death of all its sting,
And trampling down the powers of might,
Brings forth His ransomed Saints to light.
Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
Heav'n thunders forth its victor cry.

That Eastertide with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restor'd
Th'Apostles saw their risen Lord:
He bade them see His hands, His side,
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;

These tokens true which made it plain
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

O Jesu, King of gentleness
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess;
That we may give Thee all our days,
The tribute of our grateful praise.

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won,
The song of triumph has begun.
O Lord of all with us abide,
In this our joyful Eastertide;
From ev'ry weapon death can wield,
Thine own redeemed for ever shield.
Alleluia. Amen.

All praise be Thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored,
All praise to God, the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally.
Alleluia. Amen.

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.
2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits. Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.
3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head! Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven, prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.
4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown, when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne! O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table!

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the greed and pride that separate us. Fill us, Lord, with your perfect love that casts out our fear and binds us together in that unity, which you share with the father and the Holy Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION PARDON

God demonstrates God's love to us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.