



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia* UMH 162

CALL TO WORSHIP
Alleluia!
Jesus lives!
The Lord is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EASTER STORY John 20:1-18 Contemporary English Version
On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favorite disciple and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him."

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first. He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth. He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face. It was rolled up and in a place by itself. The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed. At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life. So the two of them went back to the other disciples.

Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was at the head and the other was at the foot. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?"

She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's body! I don't know where they have put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him."

Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means Teacher.

Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father. But tell my disciples that I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God." Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her.

HYMN UMH 302
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (v. 1-4)
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! *Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!*
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! *Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!*
Raise you joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! *Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!*
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! *Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! *Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! *Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!*
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! *Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!*
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia! *Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

PROCLAMATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:3-11

CEV

Don't you know that all who share in Christ Jesus by being baptized also share in his death? When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ. We were baptized, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

If we shared in Jesus' death by being baptized, we will be raised to life with him. We know that the persons we used to be were nailed to the cross with Jesus. This was done, so that our sinful bodies would no longer be the slaves of sin. We know that sin doesn't have power over dead people.

As surely as we died with Christ, we believe we will also live with him. We know that death no longer has any power over Christ. He died and was raised to life, never again to die. When Christ died, he died for sin once and for all. But now he is alive, and he lives only for God. In the same way, you must think of yourselves as dead to the power of sin. But Christ Jesus has given life to you, and you live for God.

ANTHEM

Because He Lives

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 7:13-29

CEV

"Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. But the gate to life is very narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it."

"Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thornbushes. A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that produces bad fruit will be chopped down and burned. You can tell who the false prophets are by their deeds."

"Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. On the day of judgment many will call me their Lord. They will say, 'We preached in your name, and in your name we forced out demons and worked many miracles.' But I will tell them, 'I will have nothing to do with you! Get out of my sight, you evil people!'"

"Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock. Rain poured down, rivers flooded, and winds beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on solid rock."

"Anyone who hears by teachings and doesn't obey them is like a foolish person who built a house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded, and the winds blew and beat against that house. Finally, it fell with a crash."

When Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were surprised at his teaching. He taught them like someone with authority, and not like their teachers of the Law of Moses.

SERMON

Live Like Jesus

Brother Mike

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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



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HYMN

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose, (he arose) with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; (o'er his foes)
he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

BENEDICTION

We live in the power of our Lord's resurrection. Alleluia!
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715