

#### TRINITY EASTER WELCOME:

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

# CELEBRATION SONG: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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!

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!

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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance.
Alfred North Whitehead (Philosopher)

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
- Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)

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OPENING SONG: "My Redeemer Lives" (music at end of bulletin)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- P: Children, why are you weeping?
- C: For a lost loved one.
- P: For the death of a dream.
- C: For failing health.
- P: For broken relationships.
- C: Out of loneliness and isolation.
- P: For people without food, shelter.
- C: For the state of the world.
- P: An idle tale about an empty tomb,
- C: And a missing body.
- P: Improbable.
- C: Unlikely.
- P: Yet it was the testimony of the women;
- C: It was confirmed by the disciples.
- P: It means life is different,
- C: Love is stronger than death,
- P: Forgiveness flows,
- C: Healing happens,
- P: People change,
- C: Hope is renewed.
- P: Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# **PRAISE SONGS:**

"Christ Is Risen"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (music at end of bulletin)

# WE CONFESS OUR OWN GOOD FRIDAYS:

L: Holy, living God, we struggle to silence our active minds, put aside our "to-do" lists and rest our spirits in this moment. *(Moment of Silence)* 

Move into the busy spaces and know our hearts, we pray. (Moment of Silence)

In this day of celebration and new life, we are mindful that we hold on to what is familiar and habitual. Forgive us for preferring ways of negativity and death to the adventure and joy you offer us each moment. Pardon us for reacting in fear when we hear or see things we do not understand. Grant us new life as you have gifted us with Christ's resurrection. Teach us what it means to be transformed this very day, as forgiven and holy people.

#### C: Amen.

#### WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER:

L: Today brings the best news of all...Jesus lives! Jesus died a cruel death on the cross for the sin of the whole world. His body was placed in a borrowed tomb and on the third day he came back to life to defeat death for all time. Christ offers us this new life as our very own. Our sin is forgiven because Jesus lives. We no longer need to fear death as we look forward to living for all eternity with him. Jesus lives! Praise God for the good news of Easter.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Christ is Living" (music at end of bulletin)

# THE EASTER STORY: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

EASTER MESSAGE: "Do Not Be Afraid" - Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: "Resurrection Hymn" (music at end of bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# THE SENDING OUT:

L: Go forth, fear not! God walks with you! God sustains you! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# SENDING SONG: "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" (music at end of bulletin)

#### THE DISMISSAL:

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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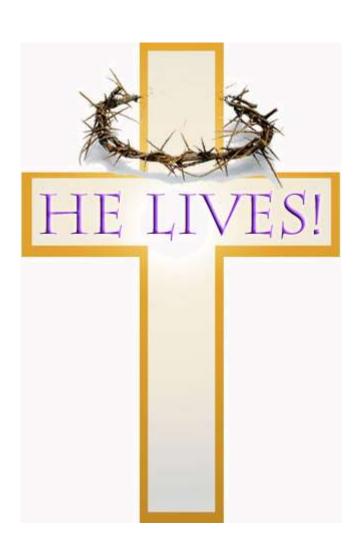
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