



Christ the Lord is Risen!

Alleluia!!

Easter Sunrise Service
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 4, 2021 – 7:00 a.m.

Gather in Silence

One: Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

All: Alleluia!

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you have broken open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

All: Keep us victorious over sin.

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life eternal.

All: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

All: Give us joy in your service.

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the woman and apostles, and brought salvation and reconciliation to the whole world.

All: Direct our lives as your new creation.

Hymn – “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Joy

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading

John 20:1-18

Benediction

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever!"

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.