

Places of the Passion

Celebrating our Lord's Resurrection!

The Garden Tomb

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 – 8:00 AM

"Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So, because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there." John 19:41-42.

WE SING ***"Now All The Vault Of Heav'n Resounds"*** **LSB #465:1,2**

HE IS RISEN!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Christ is risen! **C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Let us ever walk with Jesus – to see the depths of His love; to behold the gift of His forgiveness!

C: To gaze upon the heights of His grace; to marvel at the magnitude of His mercy!

P: We travel to the garden tomb – and we need not be afraid.

C: For Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

WE SING ***"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*** **LSB #457**

PRAYER FOR EASTER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:23-27

Moved by the Spirit, Job speaks confidently of His risen Lord, and the promise of his own resurrection!

²³Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see Him with my own eyes – I and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:15-18

Connected to Jesus, we share in His sufferings, but also in His glory! He is risen!

¹⁵You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-11

What a surprising and amazing gift! The tomb that held Jesus' body is empty. He is risen!

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

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⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me." ¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

ANTHEM

"Alleluia, He Lives!"

Choir, Handbells, and Brass

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"From Fear To Faith"

Pastor Aaron Asmus

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: Lord God, I need Your forgiveness and rescue. My sins grasp hold of me and overwhelm me.

C: Who will rescue?

P: Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get, but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive Your gifts, but so unwilling to bear the cross.

C: Who will rescue me?

P: Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to You; when I doubt that You really see my sin; when I disobey Your good words for living and am satisfied with only living for myself.

C: Who will rescue me from this body?

P: Forgive me, O God when I am quick to find fault, but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play, but so late in prayer.

C: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

P: Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

C: Almighty Father, have mercy on me through Your only Son Jesus!

GOD'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH -- APOSTLES' CREED

WE PRAY

We Celebrate Our Lord's Supper

WORDS OF PREPARATION

P: Let the celebration continue! Let us lift our hearts to God. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God for raising Jesus from the dead and giving us a hope for salvation and eternal life.

C: With all that we are and all that we have, we give Him thanks and praise.

P: We sing together:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Melody: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE "LAMB OF GOD"

Melody: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

WE SING DURING DISTRIBUTION

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB #461

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

LSB #685

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

LSB #475

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

WE SING *"Now All The Vault Of Heav'n Resounds"* **LSB #465:3,4**

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