

sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

*Leader: The Word of the LORD*

People: Thanks be to God!

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"* GTG#231

#### MEDITATION

*"The Tomb Is Empty But God's Promises Are Not"*  
God follows through; so should we.

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Thine Is the Glory"* GTG#238

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Unison) 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN

*"To God Be the Glory"* GTG#634

To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

#### *Refrain:*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;  
great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
[Refrain]

#### BENEDICTION

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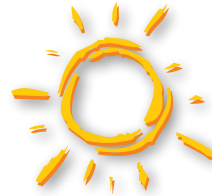
#### SUNG RESPONSE

*"To God Be the Glory" (refrain only)* GTG#634

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#### POSTLUDE

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"* arr. Jeff Bennett



#### LEADERSHIP

*Liturgy/Preaching*  
Rev. J. David Ealy

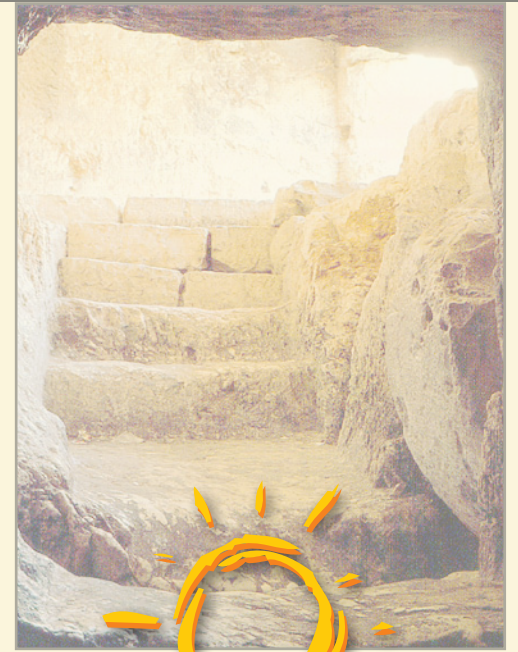
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Mr. Noah Melton

*Setup/Adornments*  
Spiritual Life  
Committee

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Please join us for  
breakfast  
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# EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE

April 20, 2025 • 6:00 a.m.

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# Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!

## PRELUDE

*"Christ Arose" arr. by Melody Bober*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON LUKE 24:38)

*Leader: Jesus said to them, "Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts?"*

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

*Leader: "Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones like you see I have."*

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

*Leader: Then let us pray as one people, claimed of God...*

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Unison) Lord of Easter! We come to find the stone rolled back, but not our fears. We come to find the tomb empty but so is our conviction. Fill us with the light of your knowledge. Fill us with the hope of your resurrection. Fill us even as we anticipate the rising sun, may your Spirit rise in our hearts! We give you thanks O God! Amen!

## OPENING HYMN

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"*

GTG#232

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison) We greet the news, Great God, of Jesus' rising with suspicion, skepticism and a sense of feeling lost. We claim we don't know what to do. Yet your legacy is simple: follow you. Being on this side of the resurrection, help us to never let fear be an excuse—nor ignorance to be the cause—for not acting in faith. In the name of the risen Christ, amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. With the resurrection of Christ, so too are our hopes renewed and our dreams realized. God wills peace for us. Turn to your neighbors and pass the peace saying, **"The peace of the risen Christ be with you!"**

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## SUNG RESPONSE

*He Lives (refrain only)*

CEL#368

**He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart!**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O, Holy Spirit, who moves across the deep, move also through us, awakening us to your word, to your presence, and to the richness of life in you. Amen.

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-3; Jeremiah 31:1-2; Psalm 118:22-23;  
John 1:1-5; 20:1-18 (CEB)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness...The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. [For] in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the

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other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying

there, but he didn't go in. Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and

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