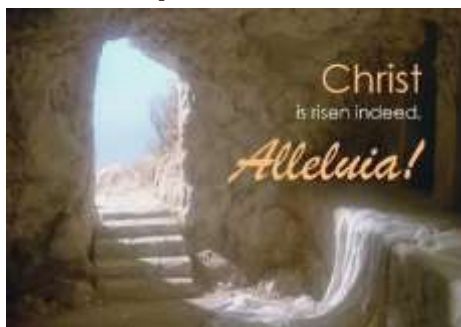


**A Service of Morning Prayer  
Easter Day  
April 9, 2023**



Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us  
keep the feast. *1 Corinthians 5.7-8*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CP 371 To God be the Glory

1 To God be the glory, who great things has done!  
God so loved the world, freely sending the 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 God's voice.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give God the glory, who great things has done!***

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God:  
that when the offender, repenting, believes,  
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.

***Refrain...***

3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!

***Refrain...***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you no secrets are hidden.  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 That we may perfectly love you,  
 And worthily magnify your holy name;  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 118.1–2, 14–24 *Refrain:* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

118:15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

118:16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

118:17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

118:18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### A Reading from Acts 10:34-43

10:34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

10:35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

10:39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

10:41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and

drank with him after he rose from the dead.

10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 220 Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen

1 Christ is risen, Christ is risen,  
tell it out with joyful voice;  
Christ has burst his three days' prison:  
let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.

3 Christ is risen, Christ is risen;  
he hath opened heaven's gate:  
we are free from sin's dark prison,  
risen to a holier state;  
and a brighter Easter beam  
on our longing eyes shall stream.

2 Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore;  
sin and pain can vex no more.

### A Reading from Colossians 3:1-4

3:1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

3:3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

3:4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CP 230 The Tomb is Empty, Come and See

1 The tomb is empty!  
Come and see where once the body lay.  
Can it be true that Jesus Christ  
Is raised to life today?

3 The tomb is empty!  
Come and touch the stone and folded shroud.  
Christ lives indeed. Alleluia!  
Believers, shout aloud!

2 The tomb is empty!  
Come and hear these words of life and  
peace:  
"He is not here. He lives again  
In all your Galilees"

4 The tomb is empty!  
Come and meet the risen Christ our Lord  
In whom we have our victory  
In whom is life restored.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 20:1-18

20:1 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.

20:2 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."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 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.

20:13 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."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 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."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 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.'"

20:18 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.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 7032344 Praise the King

1 There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken  
 There's a reason why the darkness runs from light  
 There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven  
 Jesus is alive

2 There's a reason why we are not overtaken  
 There's a reason why we sing on through the night  
 There's a reason why our hope remains eternal  
 Jesus is alive

***Chorus***

***Praise the King He is risen***  
***Praise the King He's alive (yeah)***  
***Praise the King death's defeated***  
***Hallelujah He's alive (oh)***  
***(Hallelujah He's alive)***

3 There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous  
 There's a reason why the dead are made alive  
 There's a reason why we share His resurrection  
 Jesus is alive (oh He's alive)

***Interlude***

Oh He's alive

***Bridge***

The grave could not ignore it  
 When all of heaven's roaring  
 Hell where is your victory  
 Death where is your sting  
 The world could not ignore it  
 When all the saints are roaring  
 Hell where is your victory  
 Death where is your sting

***Ending***

Hallelujah He's alive (oh)  
 Hallelujah He's alive (oh)  
 Hallelujah He's alive

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven.  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again  
 to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People compiled and led by Jody Watson

On this beautiful Easter Morning, let us quiet our hearts and souls as we humbly enter into the presence of our Heavenly Fatherland and ask him to hear our prayers.

We pray for our church of St. Peter's and ask your blessings on all who worship there. We join in prayer for Rev. Alison our deacon and for Nadine who brings the ministry of music to us.

### Ministries:

We not only pray this morning for the people who are directly involved in the various ministries of St. Peter's and ask your blessing upon them but we pray also for those folks who may not formally belong to a 'specific' ministry but as individuals, they keep their eyes open to the perhaps the more obscure needs of the church and it's people and continually step up to the plate.

### World:

On this Easter Sunday where we enjoy the freedom to worship and celebrate the risen Christ and to raise our voices in joyful and loud 'Alleluias', we remember those people who live in places in the world where such freedom is non existent and in fact must risk their lives to worship You in quiet and in secret. We ask your blessing upon them.

We pray for those who have asked specifically for intercessory prayers:

Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Helen.....Tony and Mary Jean..... Bill.....  
Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie,  
Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Roald..... Sandy..... Luci  
We also pray for those who are in need and only known to You alone. Amen

### Collect

Lord of life and power,  
through the mighty resurrection of your Son,  
you have overcome the old order of sin and death  
and have made all things new in him.  
May we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
reign with him in glory,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive,  
one God, now and for ever.

**And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 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,  
 the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

### CP 203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
 our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
 who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!  
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

3 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!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
 unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
 who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

### The Dismissal

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us  
 keep the feast. *1 Corinthians 5.7-8*

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working  
 in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and  
 ever. Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
 and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**