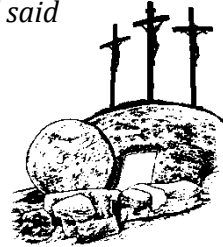


The Resurrection

*We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life*

*The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here*

*Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more
To eat with Him, to drink with Him
To receive Him back as Lord*



*So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead
He reconciled us back to God*

*Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts*

~ M. S. Lowndes

The Day of Resurrection has dawned upon us, the day of true light and life, wherein Christ, the life of believers, arose from the dead. Let us give abundant thanks and praise to God, that while we solemnly celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection, he may be pleased to bestow on us quiet peace and special gladness; so that being protected from morning to night by his favoring mercy, we may rejoice in the gift of our Redeemer. Amen

~ Mozarabic Sacramentary

Easter Sunrise Service

April 4, 2021

8:00 a.m.

John 11:25-26

GATHERING

Hymn.....“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Prayer of Invocation & Adoration

Prelude.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”.....Linda Morey

Hymn.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Call to Worship:

Leader: We celebrate with excitement and joy an empty tomb!
By the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we can have a new
life, new hope, and new possibility!

People: *Because Christ is risen, we have been rescued from our
past for God has made us whole.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection, the dead are raised and brought
to life.

People: *Because Christ is risen, abundant life is ours, both now
and forevermore.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection, the disciples’ mourning turned to
joy.

People: *Because Christ is risen, the story of God’s hope, love,
and grace lives on.*

Leader: By Christ’s resurrection, the salvation of God is
proclaimed and celebrated around the world today.

People: *Because Christ is risen, we may know comfort in the
midst of life’s turmoil and trials.*

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Video.....“A Very Special Sunday”

Special Music.....“Living Hope”.....Sue Fuller & Linda Morey

Communion Celebration

Easter Prayer

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading (John 20:1-10).....Gordy Locke

Easter Message.....Pastor Keith

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

John 11:25-26

Hymn.....“He Lives”

Benediction

Postlude.....“Up from the Grave He Arose”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 20:1-10

The Empty Tomb

²⁰ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

He is
RISEN
Happy Easter