



## The Celebration of Worship

April 12, 2020 Resurrection of the Lord

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### Welcome & Announcements

*Please join in lighting a candle at home.*

### John 20: 1-2

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. 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!"

**In the Darkness of the Morning** Performed by Veronica Gould  
(Sung gospel proclamation)

### John 20:18

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead, trampling down death by death and on those in the tombs, bestowing life!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Leader: Where, O Death, is thy sting?

**People: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Leader: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

**All: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

### Gathering Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

### Glory Be

**Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Eternal and gracious God, we give You thanks. In countless ways You have revealed Yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of Your grace. We praise You that through the waters of the sea You led Your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of Your promise. We praise You for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by Your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection You set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth. We rejoice that You claimed us in our baptism, and that by Your grace we are born anew. By Your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do Your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Response to God's Mercy

**Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Discovery Table

Veronica Gould

### Hymn of Grace

"Because He Lives"

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And God will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; God will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and take away the disgrace of the people from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited, so that we might be saved. This is the Lord for Whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord.

## Special Music

Performed by Rola Al Ashkar

## Second Reading

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.

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“Empty Pews, Empty Tombs”

## Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

## Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

*Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, now in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.*

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rola Al Ashkar

## The Lord’s Prayer

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

“Thine is the Glory”

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson