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*Easter*

Sunday, April 20th 2025

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Fanfare for Easter* S. Tucker

The Christ Church Ringers

**Processional** *Easter Hymn of Promise* Sleeth/Raney

The Christ Church Ringers

The Chancel Choir

Janet Tolman Organ; Kathryn Snodgrass, piano

\*Call to Worship

One: Beyond the Cross Road, we declare with joy: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen!
One: Behold—the tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away.
All: Today is the day the Lord has made.  Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*Hymn of Praise 312 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

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1. Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies, Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

2. There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

3. See! The heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

4. See! He lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! He shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

**God of life, Author of all creation, today we come to the tomb as the women came — knowing death, seeking comfort, discovering a world redeemed by love! You are risen among us, drawing us beyond the cross road into the wider adventure of life. Renew our hope and courage just as you have redeemed our lives and resurrected our being so that we might share with all the Good News of life. Amen.**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
    his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

**The Lord is my strength and my might;
    he has become my salvation.**

**There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
    the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
**the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”
I shall not die, but I shall live
    and recount the deeds of the Lord.**The Lord has punished me severely,
    but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
    **that I may enter through them
    and give thanks to the Lord.**

**This is the gate of the Lord;
    the righteous shall enter through it**.

I thank you that you have answered me
    and have become my salvation.
**The stone that the builders rejected
    has become the chief cornerstone.**
This is the Lord’s doing;
    it is marvelous in our eyes.
**This is the day that the Lord has made;
    let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Music of Preparation *Classical Easter*

 arr. M. Helman

 The Christ Church Ringers

Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

Children’s Moment

 Musical Response 2115 *Christ Has Risen*

 HOLY MANNA

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, As he said and as he promised,

as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing;

Let the sun sustain the cheer;

Let the world confirm the rumor:

Christ is risen, God is here!

2, Christ has risen for the people

Whom he died to love and save;

Christ has risen for the women

Bringing flowers to grace his grave.

Christ has risen for disciples

Huddled in an upstairs room.

He whose word inspired creation

Can't be silenced by the tomb.

4. Christ has risen and forever

Lives to challenge and to change

All whose lives are messed or mangled,

All who find religion strange.

Christ is risen, Christ is present

Making us what he has been -

Evidence of transformation

In which God is known and seen.

*\*please come and decorate the living cross*

Sermon Beyond the Cross Road

 Pastor Beth

\*The Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *An Easter Celebration*

 Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

\*Doxology 94 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Communion

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

So let us proclaim that the Lord is here

Christ is here in our midst!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You shaped us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into us, forming humanity in your image. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from our slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the new covenant,

poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together, and on these gifts of food and drink. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. Amen!

**\*Communion Hymn** *186 Alleluia*

 ALLELUIA

1. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. He's my Savior, alleluia, he's my Savior, alleluia,He's my Savior, alleluia, he's my Savior, alleluia.

3. I will praise Him, alleluia, I will praise Him, alleluia, I will praise Him, alleluia, I will praise Him, alleluia.

Lord’s Prayer

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn** 303 The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

1. The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,

His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

\*Benediction

We are sent forth in the power of Christ’s resurrection. Alleluia! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude  *Toccata (from Symphony No. 5)* C.M. Widor

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“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

“Christ Has Risen”

 Words: John Bell (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21; 1 Cor. 15:3-8)

“Alleluia”

Words: Jerry Sinclair, 1972

“The Day of Resurrection”

Words: John of Damascus; trans by John Mason Neale, 1862

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