

**The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Sunday
Holy Baptism**

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn, “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” *Charles Wesley*

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia! Sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia! Where O death is now thy sting? alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, alleluia! Where thy victory O grave? alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia! Fought the fight the battle won, alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia! Following our exalted Head, alleluia! Made like Him like Him we rise. Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!!!

People ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The first lesson is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 25, beginning to read at verse 6

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."(ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Psalm 118: 14-17, 22-24

Let us read this responsively by half verse.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD'S doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

**The Second Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 3.
Beginning to read at verse 1**

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
(ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise be to God.***

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 16, beginning to read at verse 1

16 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of Christ.
People ***Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.***

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

THE EXHORTATION

Celebrant Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that *these Candidates*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as *living members* of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *these Candidates* that which by nature *they* cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN

The Candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, using full names as follows

I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Nicholas (Sr), Melody, Isabelle, Tyler, Natalie, Tyson, Zoah

The Celebrant asks Candidates the following

Celebrant Have you already been baptized?

Candidate **No.**
Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?
Candidate **I do.**

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Then the Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, using full names, as follows

I present *N.N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Roman, Nicholas, Jon

When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Celebrant addresses them

Today, on behalf of *these children*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *these children* are taught, as soon as *they are* able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *They* must come to put *their* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *their souls*. When *they have* embraced all these, *they are* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *they* may publicly claim the Faith for *their own* and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and His kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then examines the Candidates who can speak for themselves, and the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate(s) and may anoint each Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ?

The Congregation responds **We will.**

The Celebrant then says Let us join with *these Candidates* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I do. I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I do.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by 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.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do.

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.

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATES

Psalmist Let us now pray for *these Candidates* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That *these Candidates* may come to confess *their* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That *all these Candidates* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That *they* may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *they have* been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That *they* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *they fall* into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That *they* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That as *living members* of the Body of Christ, *they* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, *they* may run with endurance the race set before *them*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Other petitions may be added.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *these* your *servants*. Wash and sanctify *them* through your Holy Spirit, that *they* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *they* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant may say to the Sponsors

Name this *Candidate/Child*.

Then the Celebrant immerses the Candidate or pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Nicholas
Melody
Isabelle
Tyler
Natalie
Tyson
Roman
Nicholas
Zoah
Jon

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

or this

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

If garments or candles are presented, they are given here.

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, received *them* as your own *children* by adoption, made *them members* of your holy Church, and raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *they* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

The Peace

Offertory Song "Ain't No Grave"

Claude Ely, Jonathan David Helser, Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave
Shame is a robber and he' come to take my name
Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground
Love is the power where my freedom song is found

Chorus: There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue

Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound
Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down (*to chorus*)

There was a battle a war between death and life
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified
He went on down to hell He took back every key
He rose up as a lion now He's setting all the captives free

Chorus 2: There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
When He heard the trumpet sound
He rose up out of the ground
There ain't no grave could hold His body down
There ain't no grave could hold His body down

Doxology *All sing*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People ***He is.***

Celebrant This is our God.

People ***Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.***

Celebrant We are His people.

People ***We are redeemed.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. For Abraham, a wandering nomad You made an everlasting covenant and called Your family; for a burdened people You raised up Moses as prophet and leader; for a confused nation You chose David to be a king; for a rebellious community, You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

And now we give You thanks because You raised Him gloriously from the dead; through Him You have given us the resurrection hope, for our life will be changed, not taken away, when our mortal flesh is laid aside, we will enter our everlasting dwelling place to live with Him.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People ***Amen. His body was broken for us.***

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People ***We have died together, we will rise together,
we will live together.***

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People ***Amen. Jesus is Lord.***

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People ***The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!***

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

All ***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 and ever. Amen.***

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People ***Though we are many we are one body, for we
all share one bread.***

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People ***is a sharing in the blood of Christ.***

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People ***Christ is the host and we are His guests.***

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People ***We are because He is.***

The celebrant then holds the bread and holds the wine and declares to the people: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

“Behold the Lamb” *Dottie Rambo*

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Slain from the foundation of the world. For sinners crucified, O Holy Sacrifice, behold the Lamb of God! Behold the Lamb. Crown Him, crown Him, worthy is the Lamb. Praise Him, praise Him. Heaven and earth resound. Back to beginning.

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung. If you have any special needs or prayer concerns, Prayer Teams are located at the front of the church next to the Baptismal font.

Communion Songs “Christ Is Risen” *Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes*

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross and run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us; freely You've bled for us

Chorus: Christ is risen from the dead; trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake; come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with Him again
Come awake come awake, come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin; You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown; no burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign forever let Your church proclaim *(to chorus)*

Bridge: O death where is your sting; O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light; the glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting; O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light; our God is not dead
He's alive, He's alive *(to chorus)*

“No Body” *Brett Younker, Jason Ingram, Pat Barrett, Steven Furtick*

Behold the Lamb upon the cross
Who takes away the sins of all
Forgiveness flows from hands and feet
As violence meets the Prince of peace
Behold the King

Chorus; Light of the world Lamb that was slain
Lion who rose mighty to save
The fullness of God won't be kept in a grave
Darkness your hour is over

Behold the love His dying plea
Behold the grace of Calvary
That rugged cross soon to be
The emblem of a risen King
Behold the King (to chorus)

Bridge: No enemy can hold You down
Cause there's no body in the grave now
One head gets to wear that crown
Cause there's no body in the grave now

“Resurrecting” *Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matthews Ntlele, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye*

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet
Now at His feet we bow

The One who wore our sin and shame
Now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love
Now shines for all to see

Chorus: Your Name Your Name is victory
All praise will rise to Christ our King

The fear that held us now gives way
To Him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross

Is now alive in me (to chorus)

Bridge: By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected King is resurrecting me
In Your Name I come alive to declare Your victory
The resurrected King is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
Was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain
Our God has robbed the grave
Our God has robbed the grave (*to chorus, bridge*)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn, “Resurrection Hymn” *Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honor and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with power and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

People ***Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

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