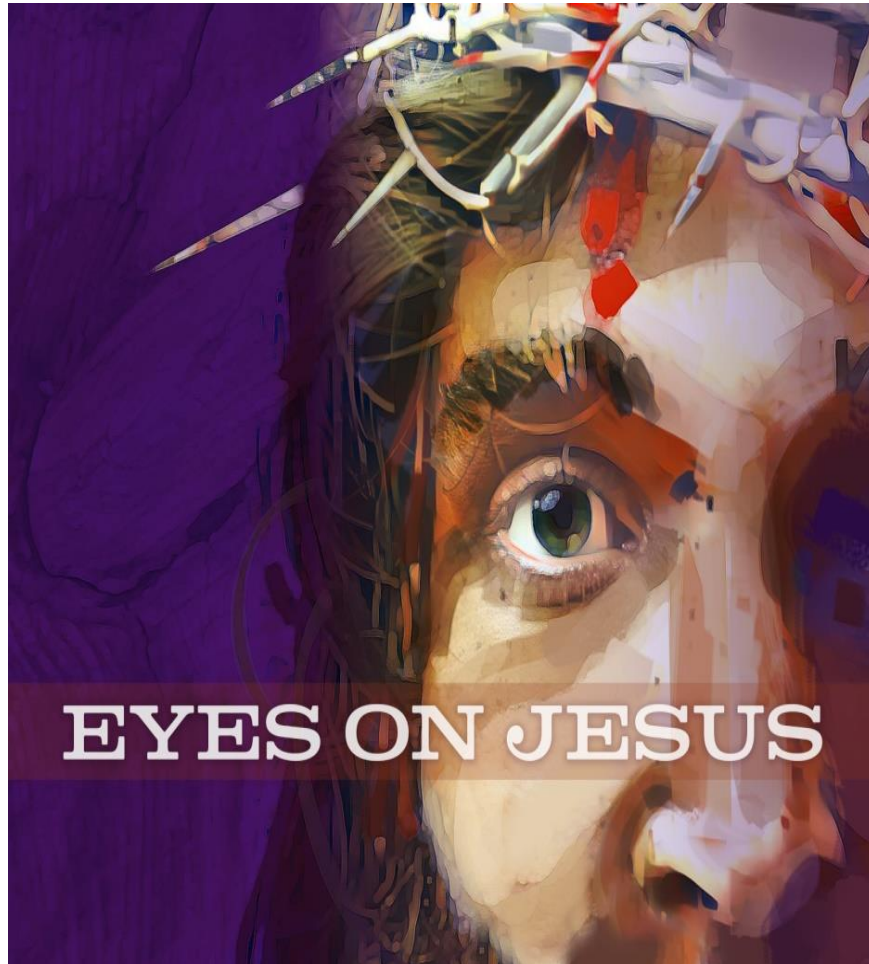


# **EASTER SUNDAY**

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# Easter - Angel Eyes

## As We Gather

Early on Easter morning, the angel, which means “messenger,” announced what he knew to be true: the tomb was empty because Christ had risen. The women were initially overcome with fear, as anyone would be if confronted by a holy herald from God. Their physical eyes would not see our Lord until He revealed Himself. But we have been given the angel’s eyes, as it were, for by faith we see our Lord with us now. The news the angel proclaimed is too good to keep to ourselves. As God’s messengers today, it is our turn to tell the world that He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## + PREPARATION +

### Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1–8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 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. 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. 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children’s Hymn and Message “He Is Risen”

### Entrance Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. 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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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### Opening Sentences

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

P The LORD is God,  
C **and He has made His light to shine upon us. *Psalm 118:27***

### Confession and Absolution

P The angel told the women what his eyes had beheld, and he urged them to tell Jesus' disciples and Peter, but "they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Let us confess to God all that holds us back from spreading the news of our Lord's resurrection.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

P Our gracious heavenly Father,  
C **we confess that we have let the things around us cloud our vision, dim our joy, and close our lips. We have failed to look at Your glory and power through the eyes of the angel. Instead, we have relied on the limited information that our senses provide. We have feared what we could not explain and failed to rely on Your gracious promises. We have, therefore, not loved You with all that we have and are; we have not loved our neighbors as much as we have loved ourselves. Worse, without Your aid, we cannot change.**

**In Your great mercy, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, assure us of Your victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil on our behalf. Help us then to announce the resurrection to all we meet, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P By becoming one of us to die for us, our Lord Jesus Christ paid for all our sins. When the Father raised Him on this glorious day, He showed all creation that He received that payment and nothing, even death itself, can stand between us and His gracious, eternal promises. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

+ **WORD** +

**Hymn** “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

#903 v.1-2

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead,  
And Satan’s empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread  
And all His wonders tell. *Public Domain*

**Kyrie**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may recognize the peace and salvation Easter brings, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the world may see peace, the Church of God may enjoy vitality, and we may all be united in Easter faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who respond to the resurrection in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** “The Day of Resurrection” #478 v. 1, 2

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

**Salutation**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

C **We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever;**

P through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** Job 19:23-27

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn** “The Day of Resurrection” #478 v. 3, 4

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!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Psalm 118:15–29 (antiphon: v. 23)*

P This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

C **“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

P the right hand of the LORD exalts,

C **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

P I shall not die, but I shall live,

C **and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

P The LORD has disciplined me severely,  
C **but He has not given me over to death. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

P This is the gate of the LORD;  
C **the righteous shall enter through it.**

P I thank You that You have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
C **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
C **O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
C **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P The LORD is God,  
C **and He has made His light to shine upon us. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
C **up to the horns of the altar!**

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;  
C **You are my God; I will extol You.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
C **for His steadfast love endures forever! This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

### **Holy Gospel**     John 20:1-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark,  
C **and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.**

P 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."  
So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in,  
C **he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.**

P Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.  
C **He saw the linen cloths lying there,**

P and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in,

C **and he saw and believed;**

P for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.

C **And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.**

P 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." Having said this,

C **she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.**

P Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" 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 Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for 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,

C **"I have seen the Lord!"**

P and that He had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 v. 1-4

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

**Sermon** "Angel Eyes"

## Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church as it witnesses to our Lord's resurrection.

The women "were saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us?'" Let us pray for all whose work is tiring and laborious.

**C** **Lighten their load, O Lord, strengthen their bodies, and give them dignity in their efforts.**

**P** The angel said to them, "Do not be alarmed." Let us pray for all who awaken this day in fear of violence, discrimination, or injustice.

**C** **Accompany them, risen Lord; graciously protect them and strengthen them until they find days of peace and security.**

**P** The angel invited the women, "See the place where they laid Him." Let us pray for all who visit hospitals, nursing homes, and cemeteries on this holy day.



- C **Dry the eyes of those who mourn, O Holy Spirit, through their resurrection faith. Give comforting words to those who visit, perseverance to those who are ill, and skill to health workers in all professions.**
- P Then he urged them, “Go, tell His disciples.” Let us pray for all who carry the news of Christ’s victory over death to their neighborhoods and to nations around the world.
- C **Lord Jesus, protect, guide, and bless our brothers and sisters who announce the resurrection in the company of those who gather with them around Word and Sacrament and then carry it with them as Your messengers to all they meet, near and far.**
- P Job wrote, “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!” Let us pray for those who write constitutions and laws, all who maintain order in society, and everyone in harm’s way at home or abroad.
- C **O almighty God, give wisdom to those who deliberate in houses of government, courage to those who respond to conflict in their communities, and protection to men and women deployed in the defense of freedom around the world.**
- P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
- C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

### Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus *(p. 195 LSB)*

- C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, blessed are You, for You loved the world so much that You gave your only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks for His entire obedient life of service, His sacrificial death, and His glorious resurrection. Gathered in His name, we ask You to bless us as we partake of His body and His blood. Strengthen us thereby to witness to His rising; and grant us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation which come to us in this sacrament. To you, O Father, with the Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My (+) body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My (+) blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- C **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.**

## Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei** (p. 198 LSB)

- C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.**

**Distribution and Hymn**

“In Christ Alone”

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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**Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

- P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have refreshed us through this foretaste of the feast to come. Grant us strength and guidance that we may be Your messengers of pardon and peace each day until faith gives way to sight at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His

kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son to certain death in order to give us life, the Son, who left the tomb empty on this day of His rising, and the Holy Spirit, who graciously enables us to be messengers of the resurrection—be upon you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Hymn**

“He’s Risen, He’s Rison”

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1. He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened Death’s prison, the Incarnate Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,  
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paeon prolong.
- 2 The Foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph, the Savior arose,  
And Death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes;  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high.  
He lives, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 Oh, where is thy sting, Death? We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door,  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

### **Dismissal**

P Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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