

Pre-Service: PowerPoint of Easter Saturday

Pre-Service: Marcie Monaco "Immortal, Invisible" Flute

**SONG OF PRAISE    Easter Song**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As we gather to worship on the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord, it is necessary to focus our minds, our hearts, and our attention on him. The following "Call to Worship" is based in Scripture.

**HYMN No. 457        "Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!" (vss. 1 & 2)**

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!

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!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Lord Jesus, in your triumph over the grave and your resurrection from death,  
the heavens and earth rejoice!

C: We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over sin!

P: On the mountain of the Lord, all people will feast and all wine shall be poured!

C: We praise you, O God! For you have prepared a table before us  
and our cups overflow!

P: The Lord has swallowed up death forever;  
the Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

C: We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to life!

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

C: For great is his love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**HYMN No. “Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!” (vs. 3 & 4)**

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!

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

#### **CONFESSON & ABSOLUTION**

P: With Joy we take ownership of our guilt and sin knowing that the Lord has paid the price for our sins and has taken them away as far as the east is from the west!

P: We pray: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation.

C: We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Messianic Age has come. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus has brought us God's promise of pardon and peace of which Isaiah spoke and foretold saying: “The disgrace of God's people has been taken away from the earth because the Lord has spoken!”

Now we are God's new creation. Nothing can harm the children of God and the enemies of God have become His footstool. Grace, mercy and peace belong to those

who call on the name of the Lord. Having called on the name of the Lord, I declare to you the Good News of God's abundant grace. You are forgiven... "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed" (Matt. 8:13). Live as God's forgiven people.

**SONG OF PRAISE****"Glorious Day"****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HOMILY      Pastor Vern****HYMN No. 482      This Joyful Eastertide**

This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow:

**Refrain:**

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen;  
But now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver: Refrain

My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

**THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection)**

P: The Gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[1] Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2] 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.” [3] So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. [4] Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. [5] And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, [7] and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. [8] Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9] for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10] Then the disciples went back to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. [13] 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.” [14] Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15] 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.” [16] Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). [17] 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.’” [18] Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

MONOLOGUE

Mary Magdalene

Marty Lintvedt

SONG OF PRAISE    “God of All My Days ”

**OFFERING****PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Response:**    P: ... You are risen, Lord Jesus Christ.  
                            C: Alleluia!

P Lord Jesus Christ, victorious over death and the grave, our tears of sorrow have been changed to cries of joy—you are risen, Lord Jesus Christ—

C: Alleluia!

P: Like Mary, our eyes are opened to your presence—in our lives and in the world. For through your life of ministry, your bitter suffering and death, and your glorious resurrection from the dead you have opened heaven's gates to all who believe on your name. You are risen, Lord Jesus Christ—

C: Alleluia!

P: Like Mary, our ears are opened to your voice. For it is clear—in love you have called each of us by name. And now, with all the saints and angels and all the company of heaven we shout your name in praise and adoration—you are risen, Lord Jesus Christ—

C: Alleluia!

P: Like Mary, our expectations are opened to Your promises of healing and wholeness. Remember those who are weary, weak, depressed and disillusioned, that they may be filled with hope for the future. Bring the fullness of Your Spirit to the tired, poor, oppressed and burdened, that they may be lifted up and strengthened. Let Your holy Church be filled with Your compassion to bring aid to those who suffer any illness of body, mind or spirit. Let Your holy Church be Your comforting hands extended to everyone who grieves today; especially the Reynolds Family, who mourn the loss Loriann's Aunt Isabelle Drake, that their grieving hearts may be uplifted by the hope of Jesus resurrection power. For this eternal hope, we magnify Your name – You are risen, Lord Jesus Christ –

C: Alleluia!

P: Like Mary, our joys are magnified by Your presence in every time and circumstance. So bless the beloved saints whose birthdays we celebrate this week: Samantha Poteet, Kevin Schmidt, and Jordan Colvin. And may the joy of knowing You bring even greater happiness to our forever friends in Wentzville, Missouri, Ralph & Karen Olson as they celebrate another Wedding Anniversary under the shelter of the Almighty. You are risen, Lord Jesus Christ –

C: Alleluia!

P: And so, with all the hope and expectation you inspire, we look for the time when all tombstones shall be cast aside, and, blinking in the bright sunshine of your grace, our eyes, dried of all tears, shall behold you, face to face. Then, with all believers, our ears shall hear you call our names, and all who follow after you shall rise to life ... eternal ... new ... free. You are risen, Lord Jesus Christ—

C: Alleluia! 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.

SONG        "You Are My Life"

THE TABLE OF THE LORD IS SET

P: The table of bread and wine is now ready. It's the table of a great mystery revealed: friendship and effortless union with God, a gift divine. It's the table of love in Jesus and His cross. It's the table of trust. It's the table of rest, not in what we can do for God, but in what He has already done for us. It's the table of joy in the new wine of God's work, for He has purified us from all sin. It's the table of Freedom – the Old life is gone, a completely new life has begun!

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more today; you who have been here often, and you who haven't been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come! It's Jesus who invites us to meet Him here.

P: Jesus said,

C: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die"

**LORD'S PRAYER      (*Matthew 6:9-13*)**

**P: Remembering Your sacrificial love for 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.**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Let us now in faith and sincere hearts approach the table of the Lord, joyfully receiving His promised presence, in, with and under the elements of bread and wine.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.**

**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."**

**(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)**

**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."**

**(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” (LSB 940 - vs. 1)**

Holy God We praise Thy name  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

**BLESSING**

P: Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

C: He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.

P: He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Father.

C: O Lord, now let Your servants go in peace,  
For our own eyes have seen Your grace increase,  
Light for the nations, nevermore to cease. Alleluia! Alleluia! (continues)

P: God does give peace!

C: He brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, who by his blood made an eternal covenant to be the great Shepherd of the sheep.

P: May God make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ.

**CLOSING HYMN “Christ is Alive Let Christians Sing”**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.