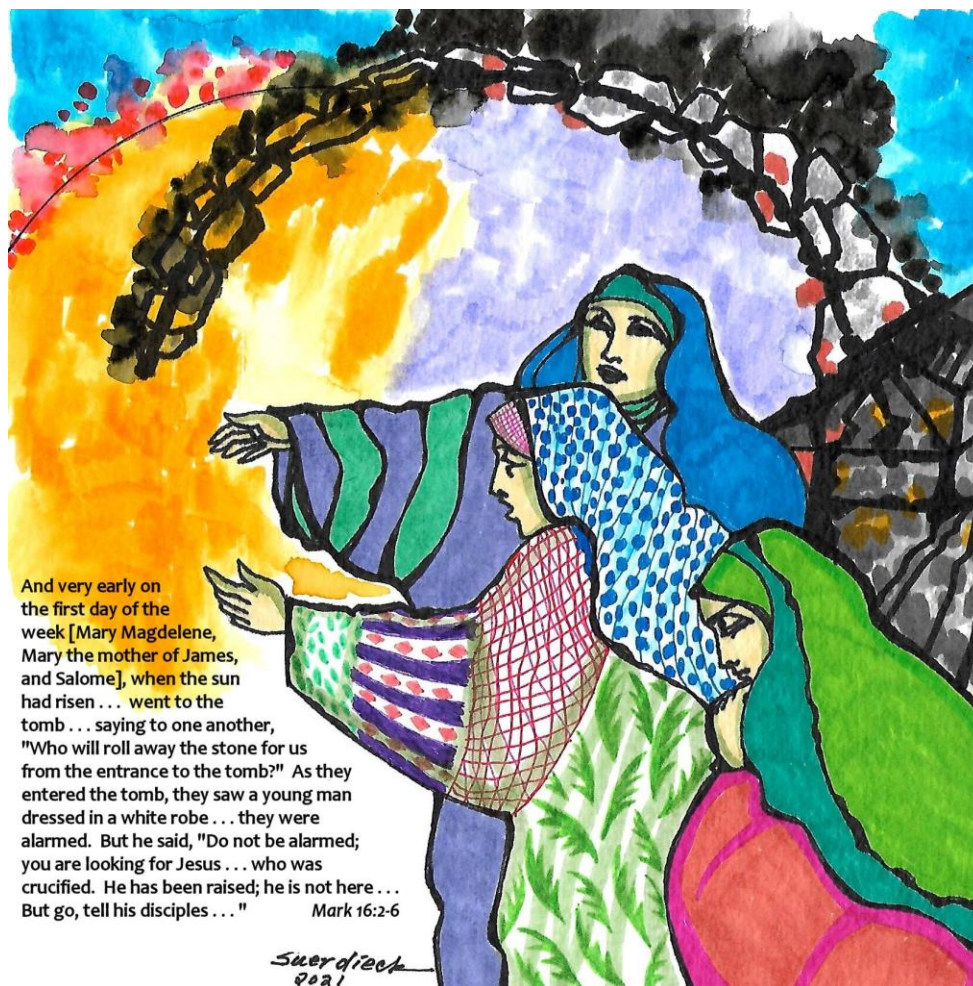


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EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE

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Prelude

Thine Be the Glory

Global UMC Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed

Call to Worship

Pastor: Rejoice, Heavenly choirs of angels

People: Rejoice, all creation around God's throne.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, our King, is risen!

People: Sound the trumpet of salvation.

Pastor: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

People: Radiant in the brightness of your King

Pastor: Christ has conquered darkness and death!

People: To God be the glory forever! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, you raised from the dead our Lord Jesus and by your Holy Spirit brought life to your church. Breathe upon us again with your spirit and give new life to your people, through the same Jesus Christ, our Redeemer in whose name we pray. **Amen**

Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words in the Bulletin

Accompanist: George Hiatt, Soloist: Jasmine Crowder, Trumpets: Kyle Lane and Todd Smith

Scripture Reading:

Mark 16:2-7

Homily:

The Tomb is Empty!

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Let us therefore prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Communion by confessing our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love and show others your mercy. You know when we focus on ourselves and sin because of our pride, selfishness, and stubbornness. Forgive us our sins, dear Lord, and remind us that your perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead so that even in the face of our imperfections we may serve you faithfully. In the mighty name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray, AMEN.

Words of Assurance & Pardon

P: Christ lived, died, and rose again to bring us new life as forgiven people. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!

C: Praise be to God. In the name of Christ, we who seek forgiveness are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God, AMEN!

The Great Thanksgivingⁱ

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

All: 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 show no partiality but accept everyone who fears you and believes in your Son through faith. 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.

Holy are you and Holy is your Son Jesus who suffered and died on the cross and was buried in the tomb. On the third day you raised him from the dead and revealed him to the women who had come to the tomb to tend him. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by the water and the Spirit.

On the night, 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 my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many 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 Christ Jesus, 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 has risen; Christ will come again

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, redeemed by his blood for we have died to the old life and have been raised with him into the new life.

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 God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Hymn

Easter People Raise Your Voices

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Benediction

Postlude

Thine Be the Glory

Global UMC Choir

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Charles Wesley

Instrumental Introduction

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. 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!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Instrumental Interlude

4. 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!

EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES

William M. James

Organ Introduction

1. Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choirs; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Organ Interlude

3. Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.