Sunrise Service

*Light a fire in a portable fire pit and/or light a lantern or a candle.*

*Declare in call and response:*The Light of Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sing: He is Risen

<https://youtu.be/doDFYoRvGq0>

Pray:Almighty God, Jesus conquered death
     and offered to us your salvation.
Grant that we who greet our risen Lord
     may follow him from the empty tomb into eternal life,
     for he lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Psalms

**Psalm 118**

**1**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
    his love endures forever.

**2**Let Israel say:
    “His love endures forever.”

**14**The Lord is my strength and my defense[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm 118&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-15884a)];
    he has become my salvation.

**15**Shouts of joy and victory
    resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!
**16**    The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
    the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”
**17**I will not die but live,
    and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
**18**The Lord has chastened me severely,
    but he has not given me over to death.
**19**Open for me the gates of the righteous;
    I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
**20**This is the gate of the Lord
    through which the righteous may enter.
**21**I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
    you have become my salvation.

**22**The stone the builders rejected
    has become the cornerstone;
**23**the Lord has done this,
    and it is marvelous in our eyes.
**24**The Lord has done it this very day;
    let us rejoice today and be glad.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

# Hear the Gospel of the Lord, according to John

# John 20:1-18

New International Version

**The Empty Tomb**

**20**Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2**So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

**3**So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4**Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5**He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6**Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7**as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8**Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9**(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10**Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

**11**Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12**and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**13**They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” **14**At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

**15**He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

**16**Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

**17**Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

**18**Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

**Reflection Time**

<https://youtu.be/En28Je8ehDs>

**Prayer**

For Christians throughout the world who celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this Easter morning, that we may know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For leaders of the nations and cities of the world, that they may be wise in their administration of government during this pandemic, and selflessly serve the common good, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all bishops, pastors, and leaders of our congregations, that they may faithfully tend the family of God during this season of social distancing, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers who tend the sick and dying, that they fulfill their vocation without undue fear of personal danger, we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick and those alone in quarantine, that they may find comfort and care in their time of need, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the earth you have given to our care, and for all creatures who share it with us, that you may be glorified in all your works, we pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For other concerns, [expressed here], we pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we your children never pray alone, but only with all your saints in all the world. Therefore, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father… *[Here pray the Lord’s Prayer]*

Sing: See What a Morning

<https://youtu.be/-LgE_E7yaz4>

**Blessing**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit is with us!
**Amen.**Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

*Shout three times:*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**