

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

This is the day of the Lord's victory. Let us celebrate and be happy.

***SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

*** OPENING HYMN: # 145 Morning Has Broken**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Let us give thanks for the mighty power God has demonstrated in raising Christ from the grave.

People: Praise be to God, and to Christ the Son, our risen Lord, and to the Holy Spirit, who affirms our faith in the risen Christ!

* Let us pray:

Eternal God, we give thanks for our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you raised victoriously on the third day after he was buried:

We praise you for this victory over death, a victory which will also be ours. Keep us steadfast in faith that we may be ready for our resurrection into your kingdom to be with our Redeemer forever. In his name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS**

310 He Lives

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Lord Jesus, we know you are the judge of the living and the dead. We also know that whoever believes in you will have their sins forgiven. We come to you now and claim you as our risen Savior. Forgive our sins and cleanse us for righteous living that we may faithfully witness to your redeeming grace. All honor and glory be yours. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS**

322.....Up from the Grave He Arose

***SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"He has Risen!"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 302Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (vs 1, 3, 5)**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer (On Screen)**

HOLY COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMN: # 177 He Is Lord**

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NKJV)

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by ^[a]Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have ^[b]fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

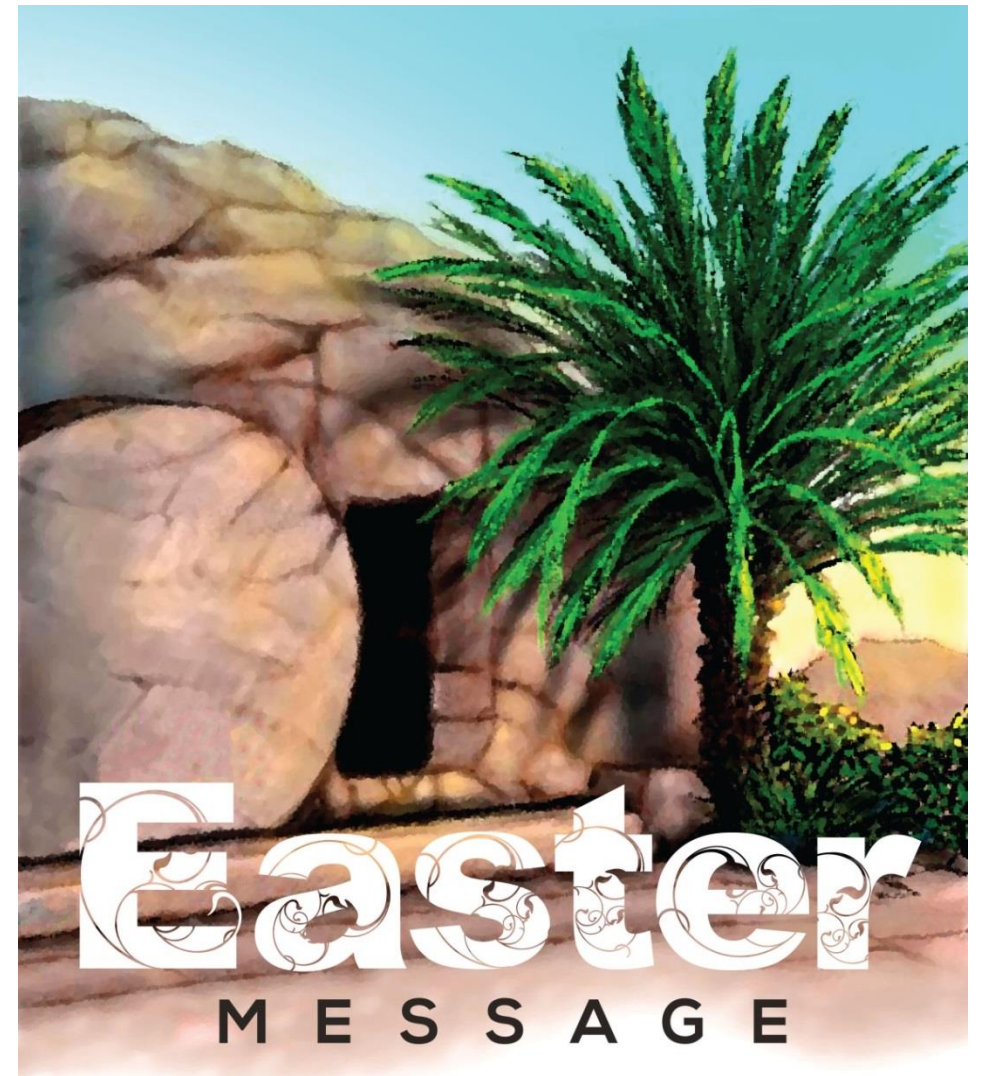
2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10 (NKJV)

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone ^[a]from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead *men*.

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

⁹ And ^[b]as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”



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