

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

**Hymn - MP 76 - Christ the Lord is risen today**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today,  
    *hallelujah!*  
    sons of men and angels say:  
    raise your joys and triumphs high;  
    sing, ye heavens; thou earth reply;
2. Love's redeeming work is done,  
    fought the fight, the battle won;  
    Lo! our sun's eclipse is o'er,  
    Lo! He sets in blood no more;
3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
    Christ hath burst the gates of hell;  
    death in vain forbids Him rise;  
    Christ hath opened paradise;
4. Lives again our glorious King;  
    where, O death, is now thy sting?  
    Once He died our souls to save;  
    where thy victory, O grave?
5. Soar we now where Christ hath led,  
    following our exalted Head;  
    made like Him, like Him we rise;  
    ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
6. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven,  
    Praise to Thee by both be given:  
    Thee we greet, in triumph sing  
    Hail, our resurrected King.

**Hymn - MP 691 - This is the day**

1. This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord has made,  
    that the Lord has made.  
    We will rejoice,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
    and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
    This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord hath made.
2. This is the day,  
this is the day when He rose again,  
    when He rose again.  
    We will rejoice,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
    and be glad in it.  
This is the day when He rose again,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
    This is the day,  
this is the day when He rose again.

3. This is the day,  
this is the day when the Spirit came,  
    when the Spirit came.  
    We will rejoice,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it,  
    and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came,  
    we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
    This is the day,  
this is the day when the Spirit came.

**Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2 & 14-24** - <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! <sup>16</sup> The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" <sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. <sup>18</sup> The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous. I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

**Reading: John 20:1-18** - <sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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!" <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. <sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> 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." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> 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.'" <sup>18</sup> 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.

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**Hymn – MP 52 - God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus**

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there  
to prove my Saviour lives.  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
because He lives all fear is gone;  
because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living  
just because He lives.*

2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby,  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days  
because He lives.  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
because He lives all fear is gone;  
because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living  
just because He lives.*

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
and I'll know He lives.  
*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;  
because He lives all fear is gone;  
because I know He holds the future,  
and life is worth the living  
just because He lives.*

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Prayer**

**Hymn - MP 295 - I serve a risen Saviour**

1. I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say.  
I see His hands of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him,  
He's always near.  
*He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives,  
salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.*

2. In all the world around me  
I see His loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary  
I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading,  
through all the stormy blast,  
the day of His appearing  
will come at last.  
*He lives, He lives, .....*

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
the help of all who find,  
none other is so loving,  
so good and kind.  
*He lives, He lives, .....*

**Dedication of Offering**

**Hymn - MP 689 - Thine be the glory**

1. Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment  
rolled stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where Thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly He greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting.  
*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

3. No more we doubt Thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without Thee:  
aid us in our strife:  
make us more than conquerors,  
through Thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to Thy throne above.  
*Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.*

**Benediction & Amen**

**Hymn - MP 460 – May God's blessing**

May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust Him and walk in His way.  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.