



2018  
**Easter  
Sunday**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

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. 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!"

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

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 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." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

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.'"

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.

**John 20:1-18 (NIV)**

**Greeters:**

Barb & Larry McMinn  
Marion & David Drain  
Joan Lewis  
Joy & Denny Walker

**Ushers:**

Fred Engle & Sue Savage  
John Wolfe  
Bob & Vicki Kutz  
Jim & Linda Kay Pressley  
Donna Kinsey  
Linda Keener

**The Chancel flowers are presented by:**

Melissa Werner in celebration of her mother, Marilyn Deiter's birthday

**Gathering in God's Name**

Prelude	<i>Fanfare for Bells</i>	M. McCreary
	<i>Rondo-Passacaglia</i>	C. Dobrinski
	<i>My Spirit be Joyful (from Cantata 146)</i>	J.S. Bach/D. Smith
	<i>Finale (from Symphonie 1)</i>	A. Guilmant

Welcome

Call to Worship     *(Inspired by Isaiah 43)*     Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: The tomb could not hold him.

**People: The grave is empty. Christ is risen!**

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed!**

\* Hymn 123     *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer of Confession     Rev. Dr. Noe Juarez

**Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection,  
yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power.**

**We pray too infrequently, and our faith is shallow.**

**We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work & family life.**

**We seldom thank you for the blessings of health, relationships and freedoms.**

**Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust.**

**Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world.**

**Inspire us to hold fast to you with resurrection empowered faith.**

**Make us confident because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison 572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\* Gloria Patri 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen**

Hymn 106 (verse 1)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks*

(Please be seated as the children come forward for the Children's message)

Children's Message

Laurie Juarez

Hymn 106 (verse 2)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks*

Scripture

John 20:1-18

Message

**"Life, Death and Resurrection"**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

(6th in Lenten Series: *What Makes a Hero?*)

### **Responding to God's Word**

\* Hymn 108

Christ Is Alive

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Offering

Rev. Dr. Noe Juarez

Offertory

*Hallelujah Chorus*

L. Beethoven

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,

In holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim His grace and glory!

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.

Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

\* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Going in God's Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

\* Closing Hymn 122

*Thine Is The Glory*

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Response

*Hallelujah Chorus*  
(from *Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

Postlude

*Toccatà*  
(from *Symphonie V*)

Ch. M. Widor

**MUSIC:** HIGHLAND BRASS, HIGHLAND HANDBELL CHOIR, DR. DANIEL DROS, CONDUCTOR,  
HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, DENNIS MARKLEY, TIMPANI, KEVIN L. ESTES, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST  
A/V: JONATHAN LEFEVER

\* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE



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