



SOTC Virtual Worship  
April 12, 2020 (Easter Sunday)

————— GATHERING —————

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG — *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*

*Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## OPENING LITANY

This is the day:

**when tears are wiped away;  
shattered hearts are mended;  
fears are replaced with joy.**

This is the day the Lord:

**rolls away the stone of fear;  
throws off death's clothes;  
and leads us forth into paths of life.**

This is the day the Lord has made:

**death has no fear for us;  
sin has lost its power over us;  
for now God has opened the tombs of our hearts  
and filled us with life.**

This is the day – Easter Day! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, through your only Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame the power of sin and death and opened to us the gates of everlasting and abundant life. By the renewing of your Spirit, raise from the darkness of our sin and brokenness, that we might be filled with your abiding truth. Open our hearts this day, that we might experience your life anew; open our hands this day, that we might embrace you freely; and open our lives this day, that we, with all your saints, might faithfully witness to your good news. We pray all this in the name of Christ, the crucified and risen one. Amen.**

## WORD

### PSALM: PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;

**he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

**the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
**and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
**but he did not give me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## REFLECTION

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy," is "hear our prayer. "If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com](mailto:pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com) We conclude in the words of the Lord's Prayer.*

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

Go forth with renewed hope,  
**trusting in the transforming love of God.**

God does not leave things as they are.  
**With God, all things are made new.**

Nothing is beyond the reach of God. For Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you go forth from worship, may the one who brought forth Jesus from the dead, raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen!**

SENDING SONG – *Now, All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all  
**And also with you**

*All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!*

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