

Worship Guide

April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday



GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ our Lord.

My siblings in Christ:

On this most holy morning

in which Jesus Christ passed over from death to life,

We gather as the Church to watch and pray.

This is the Passover of Christ,

in which we share in Christ's victory over death.

OPENING HYMN: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

UMH #302

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

Opening Prayer

God of life,

through Jesus Christ

you have bestowed upon the world the light of life.

Sanctify this new fire,

and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled

with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising,

that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 20: 1 - 18

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." ³ Peter and the other disciple left to go to the tomb. ⁴ They were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and was the first to arrive at the tomb. ⁵ Bending down to take a look, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he didn't go in. ⁶ Following him, Simon Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷ He also saw the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. It wasn't with the other clothes but was folded up in its own place. ⁸ Then the other disciple, the one who arrived at the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ They didn't yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

¹¹ Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. ¹² She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. ¹³ The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." ¹⁴ As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "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 and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

MESSAGE: *Unprepared for Easter*

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Easter People, Raise Your Voices

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**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When the trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

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CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM
The Clothing Bin will be open for donations from April 11th-17th

** If you are interested in volunteering at the Clothes Closet or the CUP Café, please see pastor Jen. You can also reach her @ 207-242-2840 or email: jen@centenaryfaith.org

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Free meals for curbside pick up.

The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Call the church @ 207-474-3915

Leave your name and number of meals

Pick up time is between 5-6PM that evening.]

Next meal is Tuesday, April 13th: Baked Ham, Mashed Potato, and Dessert.