

Welcome & Prayer

*Opening Song – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Our Almighty and Merciful God grants to you, being penitent, forgiveness for all your sins. May He bless you with time to change your ways, and with the wisdom and strength of His Holy Spirit.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song – “In Christ Alone”

Old Testament Lesson – Job 19:20-27

Children’s Message

Song – “Thine is the Glory”

Gospel – John 20:1-18

Sermon – “God Sightings”

Song – “Behold Our God”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Words of Institution for Holy Communion

*The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs:

“The King is Coming” ~ Gary Klett

“Reckless Love” ~ Corbin Maaland

*Communion Blessing

*Closing Song – “Living Hope”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*

Old Testament Lesson – Job 19:20-27

²⁰ I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.

²¹ “Have pity on me, my friends, have pity, for the hand of God has struck me. ²² Why do you pursue me as God does? Will you never get enough of my flesh? ²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷ I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

Gospel – John 20:1-18

¹ 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. ² 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!” ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) *(continued on back page)*

Gospel: John 20:1-18 (continued)

¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ 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." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking He was the gardener, she "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 toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ 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.'" ¹⁸ 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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God-Sightings



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