

EASTER SUNDAY

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Facebook Live Stream Event Number Four
April 12, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty and ever-living God, we gather to marvel at the mystery of Christ's resurrection. In boldness you exalted the humble, empowering the weak. In strength, you snatched victory from the jaws of death. In love, you declared your crucified Son the savior of the world. We celebrate this good news in an Easter festival of life. With you we join in this glorious day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Ezekiel 37:1-6 (NRSV)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Dem Bones

TIME OF PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the love of the cross,
The power of the resurrection,
And the presence of the Living Lord,
Be with you always.
And the blessing of the Eternal God,
Creator and Sustainer,
Risen Lord and Savior,
Giver of holiness and love,
Be upon you now and evermore.
Amen.**