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**EASTER SUNDAY - April 9, 2023**



**GATHERING**

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement.**

**Call to Worship:**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**What immense joy for us!**

Alleluia! Christ is with us

**Let us celebrate!**

Come, Let us worship God,

**We will rejoice in our God!**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed Alleluia!**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

Holy God, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Honour to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst,  
and nourish crops and creatures.  
Wash away the past parts of us that are separate from you.  
Empower our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, bring hope. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365*

## **Prayer of the Day: Assisting Minister – Christine LaPointe**

**God of Mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become a beacon of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward a full life. We pray this through Jesus Christ, the risen saviour who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

## **WORD**

**Hebrew Scriptures Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6**

**“Word of God, Word of Life” Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118 (Read Responsively)

The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

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

the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

**I shall not die, but I shall live**

**and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected**

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD’s doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it**

## Gospel Acclamation:



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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18 Response: Glory to You, O Lord**

**P: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Praise to you, O’ Christ.**

**Sermon:** *Vicar Bethan Riehle-Johns*

**Hymn of the Day:** *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing. ELW 389*

**Prayers of Intercession Response:** Lord in your mercy, **Hear Our Prayer**

**Sharing of the Peace.**

**Choir:** *The Angel Rolled the Stone Away*

**MEAL**

**Offertory:** *Here is Bread, Verses 1&2 - ELW 483*

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Holy Holy Holy:** *ELW 473 (Sung through twice)*

**Lord's Prayer:** *pg.112*

**Distribution, Blessing and Prayer.**

**SENDING**

**Benediction Blessing.**

**Sending Hymn:** *Thine is The Glory ELW 376*

**Dismissal:** Go in Peace, Christ is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**