

## Morning Scriptures

### Isaiah 65: 17-19, 24-25

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

### Luke 24: 1-12

<sup>24</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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Worship and Facebook Livestream 10:30 AM

*“Given the Faith. Growing in Faith. Going in Faith.” (St. John's Mission Statement)*

*Resurrection Sunday*

April 20, 2025

(\* = all who are able please stand)

**Welcome and Announcements (10:30 AM Service)**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Choral Introit**      *“Join The Celebration”*

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Alleluia! Praise be to God! Christ has risen indeed.

**All: We bring our joyful alleluias to this place today!**

One: The tomb is empty, and new life hovers in this dawn.

**All: We praise God for the mystery and the excitement of new life present in this day!**

**\*Hymn**

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*

**#216**

**Easter Morning Invocation**

**Resurrecting God, we meet you in the empty tomb where our griefs and joys, despairs and hopes intermingle. Through our prayers and praise this Easter day, open our hearts to remember that the power of love and life will overcome every death-dealing force, no matter how pervasive or persuasive. In this troubling and joyful time, dazzle us with good news, Holy Rising Up One, in whose path we follow and name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Act of Praise** “Doxology”  
**Easter Choral Anthem** “He is the Risen Lord”  
**Scripture** *Isaiah 65: 17-19 & Luke 24: 1-12*  
**Easter Sermon** *Rev. Wendy Schindler-Chasney*

**\*Hymn** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #222  
*(Blessing of the children will take place during the singing of this hymn. Any child(ren) wishing to receive an Easter blessing may come forth at this time.)*

**Service of Offering with Lord’s Prayer**  
*Invitation to Generosity and Offering Collection*

Offertory  
**\*Sung Response** “We Give Thee but Thine Own” #382

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**  
**Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful for your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Let us now pray together as Jesus taught. ...Our Father, who art in heaven...Amen.**

**Hymn** “Let us Talents and Tongues Employ” #422

**Sacrament of Communion**

*Invitation and Communion Prayer*

One: The Spirit of Christ says, “Into the bright morning of resurrection I go, who will go with me?”

**All: We will go if you lead us there.**

One: And so, we are welcome to this table, may the grace and peace of Christ be with you, and for you.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us pray...

*Sharing of Communion (Please take the bread and cup and hold until everyone is served. We will partake together.)*

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**Life giving God, we give you thanks on this most holy of days. May the bread and cup we have received refresh us in body and soul. Let us leave here renewed as an Easter people. Send us forth in the life-giving spirit of the risen Christ. Amen**

**\*Hymn** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #100

**\*Benediction (responsive)**

One: We believe beyond all death, there is eternity of life,

**All: and we shall live it.**

One: Beyond darkness, there is a gathering of the light,

**All: and we shall see it.**

One: there is the dance called resurrection,

**All: and we shall dance it.**

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: Alleluia! Amen**

**\*Closing Song** “Eight Fold Amen”  
*Alleluia (4x)*  
*Christ is Risen (4x)*

**Postlude**

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