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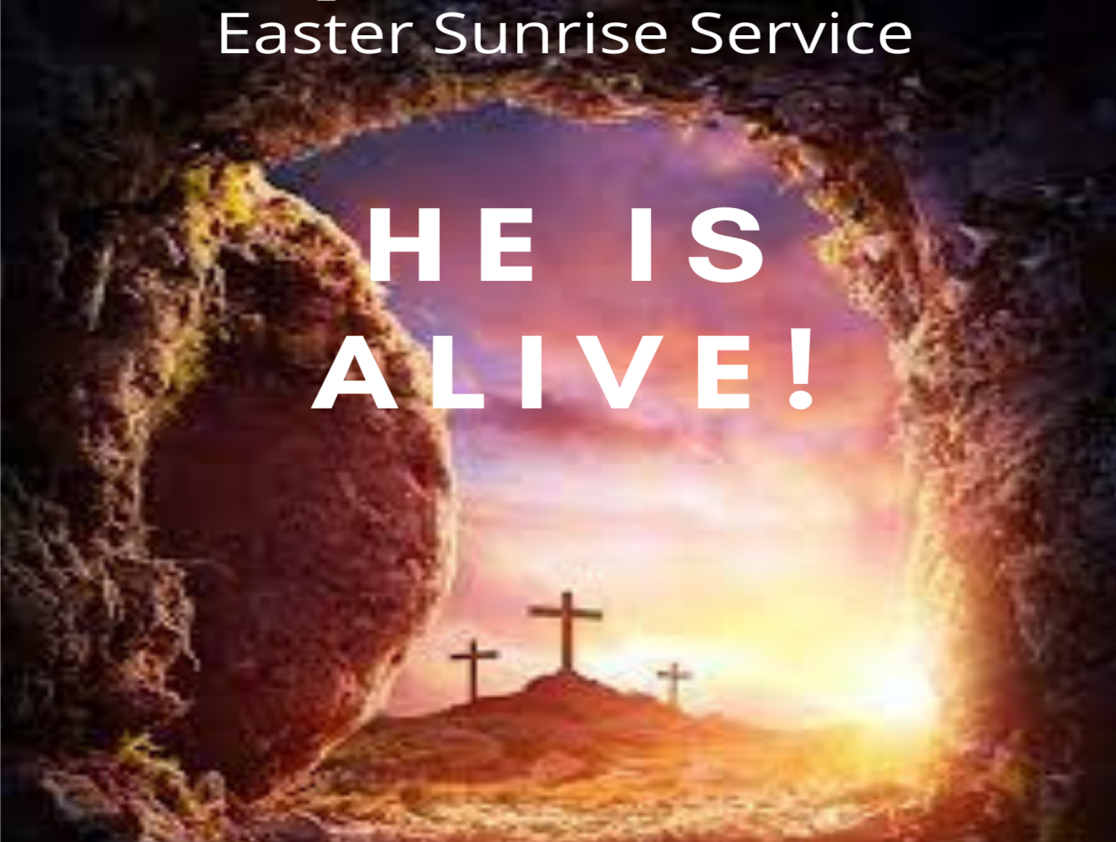
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Thank you for joining our ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your loved ones and you, now and always. If you have questions about being a follower of Jesus Christ, wish to be baptized or want to grow closer to the Lord, please contact one of clergy or church offices above.


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7:00 AM
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunrise Service



HE IS ALIVE!

Let's Celebrate



HISTORIC 1880 EVEREST CHURCH
OLD PRAIRIE TOWN AT WARD-MEADE
HISTORIC SITE AND BOTANICAL GARDEN
124 NW FILLMORE ST, TOPEKA, KS 66606

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Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again
The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead

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FREE WILL OFFERING – We receive a free will offering for the maintenance and care of this historic 1881 Everest Chapel at Old Prairie Town at Ward Meade Park. All the funds are sent to the Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Department, 3137 SE 29th St, Topeka, KS 66605. Place your generous gift in the basket at the back of the room or mail your donation to SCP&R.

THE PROCLAMATION:

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

REJOICE IN THE LORD: Dear friends in Christ: On this holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which the whole company of God's people, in heaven and on earth, rejoice anew in the great saving work of our God, as we share in his victory over death.

REKINDLING THE CHRIST LIGHT: For Jesus the Messiah came into the world and said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

People: Jesus Christ, Light of the World, come dispel the darkness and bring us the hope of New Life in the light of your Spirit!

The light of Jesus Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin.

People: "Where, O death, is your victory?"

"Where, O death, is your sting?"

As fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, let us turn our backs on satan, sin, evil, injustice, and death, as we look fully to the rising Son.

People: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PASCHAL PRAYER

THE EXSULTET: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

People: Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people. All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen and Amen.

THE GREETING The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

SONG “MORNING HAS BROKEN”

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven.
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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of me." For the Apostles told us, "as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, your proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor. 11:26). Therefore, with a renewed boldness of faith, let us proclaim:

**People: Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim!
Your resurrection we celebrate!
Your coming in glory we await!
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus! Alleluia!**

BLESSING & SHARING GOD'S GIFTS OF TABLE FELLOWSHIP –

We celebrate open communion which means all persons of faith are welcome to partake of the bread and cup of the Lord, regardless of church affiliation or member. Please come forward to take a piece of Bread and dip (intinction) into the Cup of non-alcohol grape juice before eating. Hand sanitizer is available on the front row.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL) – 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

HOLY COMMUNION – THE LORD'S SUPPER

Breaking of the Bread	<i>The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven</i>
Passing of the Cup	<i>The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation</i>

***COMMUNION SONG “See What A Morning” (Resurrection Hymn)**

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen
See God's salvation plan wrought in love

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: For it is holy and right to give God honor and praise.

Leader: Siblings in Christ, the Gospel tell us that on the first day of the week, the same day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Come to the joyful feast of the Lord!

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him (Psalm 34:8)

Leader: For Jesus is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world.

People: By his death he has destroyed death for us. By his rising again, he has restored life to us.

Leader: Therefore, with the whole company of saints and angels — in heaven and on earth — we worship and glorify you, God most holy, and we sing with joy the eternal song the angels proclaim:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INSTITUTION AND MEMORIAL We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, and instituted that it be celebrated until his coming again. For the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is a new covenant of my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance

THE WORD OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 65:17-25

THE PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

A SONG OF VICTORY

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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.

**The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

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.**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

SILENT REFLECTION & PRAYERFUL VIGIL

*A GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to you, O Christ.

*PRAYER & HOMILY

“What’s Wrong with the Men?”

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EASTER PRAYER: With Thee, O Christ, I would arise indeed to newness of life. I beseech Thee to make all things new to me. Let the old duties, the world work, the old burdens, the old friendships be transfigured as Thou does touch them. Let Easter joy lift me from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and

happiness. I would fain live the risen live, my Jesus. Help me by Thy call, by Thy message, by Thy beauty, by Thy goodness, to be Thy true child, looking to Thee, and serving Thee until at last I see Thee face to face. Amen.

— The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins (1850-1932)

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THE TABLE OF THE LORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical)
We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy, universal, Christian church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD –

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.