

D O N E G A L  
P R E S B Y T E R I A N  
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Resurrection of the Lord

*9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary*



*“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.” - Psalm 118:24 (NRSV)*

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ORDER OF SERVICE

CHORAL INTROIT “Easter Joy” *Gordon Young*  
PRELUDE “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” *arr. T. Beck*  
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” *arr. G. Young*  
“Alleluia” *W.A. Mozart*  
*“As the prelude begins, please observe a time of quietness in preparation for worship.”*

**Gathering in God’s Name**

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Luke 24:1, John 20:1,  
Psalm 118:24, Isaiah 65:17-18

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ’s disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! Rejoice and be glad:

**This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #232

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our Salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!

where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

**Still we look for the living among the dead.**

*(Silent Confession)*

Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

**Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Proclaiming God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER LESSON**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

p. 857

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

“A Psalm of Praise”

*Joseph M. Martin*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:1-18

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<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first,

also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Recognize the Love That Has Called You by Name”  
Matt Randolph

### Responding to God’s Word

\*HYMN “The Strife Is O’er” #236

- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
1. The strife is o’er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!
  2. The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped;  
Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!
4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee:  
Alleluia!

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Living God,  
**hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (traditional “debts”) hymnal p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”  
*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

### GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “I Am Content, My Jesus Ever Lives” *arr. W. Held*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### Sending in God’s Name

\*HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #248

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

\*BENEDICTION

\*EXTENSION OF PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior go with you all.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL RESPONSE                      “Easter Joy”                      *Gordon Young*

POSTLUDE                      “Redemption Song”                      *Chas. F. Gounod*

*\*All those who are able may stand.*

**Reflection for the Christian Life**

What difference does it make to believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead? How does your faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ change the way you think about sin and death? How does it change the way you live?

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Resurrection Sunday**
- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Traditional Service in the Sanctuary, One Great Hour of Sharing, 9:00 a.m.
- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall. This week’s snacks are provided by the Hospitality Team (Lisa Kuzdro, Phil Landis, Tom Hagan, Carl Lori), Between Services
- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, No Adult or Children’s Sunday School
- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt, Between Services (children 8 years or younger)
- **TODAY Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**, Celtic Sabbath in the Fellowship Hall, 11:15 a.m.
- **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**, Boy Scouts Troop 53
- **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Christian Education Team Meeting in the Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Cub Scouts Pack 150
- **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Men’s Breakfast at Gus’s Keystone Restaurant, 7:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Staff Meeting in the Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.
- **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Choir Practice, Choir Room, 7:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**, DOT - Servants Inc. Workday, 9:00 a.m.

- **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, First Sunday of Easter – ONE SERVICE, Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, No Adult or Children’s Sunday School
- **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Congregational Forum on the Proceeds of the Sale of the Schoolhouse, Fellowship Hall, 11:00 a.m.
- **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall, 11:00 a.m.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 04/29-05/05 2025** Pastor Matt Vacation
- 05/11/2025** Mother's Day
- 05/20-05/25 2025** Pastor Matt Vacation
- 05/26/2025** Memorial Day
- 06/05/2025** Donegal Society Reunion
- 06/08/2025** Heritage Sunday