

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene



April 5, 2026
Sunrise Service

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Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Heath

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor Randy

“In the Garden”

1. I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.

Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

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Scripture Reading

John 20:1-10

Pastor Marilyn

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

1. Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior! waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

2. Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior! vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

3. Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior! he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah!

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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Marvene

Service of Holy Communion

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-47

Pastor Marilyn

“At the Cross”

1. Alas, and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Chorus: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there, by faith, I received my sight and now, I am happy all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree.

Chorus: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there, by faith, I received my sight and now, I am happy all the day.

3. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe here, Lord, I give myself away 'tis all that I can do.

Chorus: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there, by faith, I received my sight and now, I am happy all the day.

Benediction & Sending Forth

Please join us after this service for a light breakfast

in the Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday Morning Service @ 9:00am

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