

# Moran United Methodist Church

## Easter Resurrection Service Bulletin

*Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.*

Welcome to worship on this Easter Sunday! We gather to celebrate the incredible good news of this blessed morning: *Christ is risen!*

We welcome those who have gathered outdoors at Moran UMC this morning, along with all who are joining us virtually via livestream, either on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)) or on our church website ([www.moranumc.org](http://www.moranumc.org)). No matter how you are joining us, we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning. We ask for your patience and grace if there are technical difficulties during the service.

### Prelude

Joanne Brown

### Greeting

Rev. Cody Natland

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### Opening Prayer

Jeff Johnson, Liturgist

O God of all of our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

### Hymn "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
 Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
 Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
 Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
 Where, O Death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
 Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
 Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

### Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer your prayers aloud to God or share them in the video comments if watching on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorNatland@gmail.com)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Cody Natland

**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.**

**Song** "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (NRSV)

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.

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

*Response: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!***

**Song** "This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*Chorus:* This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*Bridge:* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

**Sermon** "Again & Again, The Sun Rises"

Rev. Cody Natland

### Invitation to the Offering

We invite you to continue to give your pledged gifts, offerings, and tithes to support the church and its ministries. Though the building is empty, our ministries continue to be active, and many of our expenses continue during this season. Please give as your financial situation allows.

You can give online at [www.moranumc.org/give](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or you can mail your donation to the church at 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spokane WA 99223.

**Hymn** "He Lives"

I serve a risen savior, he's in the world today;  
 I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
 I see his hand of mercy I hear his voice of cheer,  
 and just the time I need him, he's always near.

*Refrain:* He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
 He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
 He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
 and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
 I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
 the day of his appearing will come at last. (*Refrain*)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
 Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
 None other is so loving, so good and kind. (*Refrain*)

### Benediction

We have come from darkness and despair to hope and joy. We have found the tomb empty, and are being sent forth to live and share the rest of the story. May we go forth to witness and testify to the message of hope we have received this day:

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

### Postlude

Joanne Brown

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