

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Dismissal:

P: Hallelujah! Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The Resurrection of Our Lord — Easter! A new day has dawned on the creation! Jesus is alive; death was unable to hold him in the grave. God has done a new thing. Each Easter the story of Christ’s resurrection from the dead greets us anew. With awe and wonder, we hear the good news of the empty tomb with new ears and full hearts. This event that happened so long ago continues to impact humanity with God’s unbreakable promise of new life.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Jane Cabaya

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Greeters: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Beloved! We are God’s Children NOW! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship—Eve of
Easter: April 16,
2022 at 6pm**

Season of Easter—Hallelujah!

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - **Congregation sings: “Were you There?”**

*Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?*

Welcome & Announcements

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord!
As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him & confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful & unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”—LBW #151**

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***Greeting**

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: God of all mercy and grace, your only Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Job 19:23-27 & I Corinthians 15:51-57

Gospel Verse: “Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of Eternal Life. Alleluia!” — LBW page 83

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Children's Message: “Goodbye to Goodbyes” (Posted: Facebook)

Sermon: “I Have Seen the LORD!” Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”—WOV #674**

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit & born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers: (Each petition ends with “Alleluia, Risen Lord”; and the people respond with, “**In your mercy, hear our prayer**”).

Offering: (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

***Benediction:**

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. We have seen the Lord! Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit and share your alleluias!

C: Amen.

***Sending Hymn: “Now All the Vault of Heaven”—LBW #143**

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

continued...

Prayers for Eve of Easter — April 16, 2022

L: Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.
A brief silence

L: You have done gloriously, Lord Jesus. You have risen victorious over our ancient foes: sin, death, and the devil. When this good news seems too good to be true, show us your wounded hands and side, and renew our faith. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, so we may firmly believe, rightly proclaim, generously share, and beautifully live this truth: that because death has no dominion over you, neither shall it have the last word over anyone whom you have redeemed. Alleluia, risen Lord,

C: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Adorn your beautifully-decorated Church, dear Lord. Make it resplendent with faith, hope, and charity. Clothe it in festal robes of righteousness and truth. Make its worship a foretaste of your eternal marriage feast, shared with everyone who comes in repentant faith. Alleluia, risen Lord,

C: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Raise up all who sit in the shadows of pain, despair, grief, and death. Bring comfort and forgiveness to those who cry out for mercy, especially those we name before you: [**NAMES**]. Impart your life and love to them, so they may join us in proclaiming, “I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord!” Alleluia, risen Lord,

C: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

L: O risen Lord, those who died trusting you already experience that Easter morning that knows no end. Wipe away our tears, banish our doubts, & fill us with courage & joy. O, let us see in glory, your blest, redeeming face; & sing the old, old story of your amazing grace. Join us, with angels’ voices, & saints, from great to least, ‘til all the world rejoices, & with you, keeps the feast!” Alleluia, risen Lord,

C: In your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

April 16, 2022
Eve of Easter - 6pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily life!”**

**Resurrection of Our Lord
Blessed Easter to You and Yours!**

Easter Sunday—April 17 at 10am:

Members of Emmanuel are looking forward to our first Easter Sunday Worship Service on the Church Land! Easter Gifts will be distributed to children, & Communion will be celebrated. Invite a family member, neighbor or friend to join you as we sing our alleluias!

Easter Monday Bible Reading!

April 18 - Celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord by reading the entire New Testament (8am-5pm). Members and friends of Emmanuel will gather on the church land and in their homes to read the entire New Testament. Refreshments will be served on the church land. Virtual opportunities will also be available. See Sign up Sheet. Inclement weather: Meeting @ Oasis Church.

The April Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread”—March-May, 2022.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, April 16—Eve of Easter Worship @ 6pm; Easter Bags
- Easter Sunday—April 17 on the church land at 10am; with the Lord’s Supper. Christ is Risen Indeed!
- April 18, Easter Monday Reading of the entire New Testament on the church land & at home (8am-5pm)
- Wednesday, April 20 Men’s In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis); Women’s Bible Study at 1pm (Judy Pearce home)
- Saturday, April 23 - Eve of Easter 2 Worship at 6pm; Treats served by Edward’s family
- **4:31 — Prayer Time! Thanks for joining us!**

is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 20th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran & went to Simon Peter & 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.” 3 So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. 4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 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.” 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” 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.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “*Rabboni!*” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for 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.’” 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “**I have seen the Lord**” — and that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”—WOV #674

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Weeping be gone; Sorrow, be silent:

Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

3. City of God, Easter forever,

Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

River of Life, Saints and archangels,

Sing with creation to God the I AM!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

First Reading: Job 19:23-27

23 “Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! 24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, & the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin