

THE GOSPEL NARRATIVE CONTINUES

John 20: 10 – 18

But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus’ body had been laid. They said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?”

“They took my Master,” she said, “and I don’t know where they put him.” After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t recognize him.

Jesus spoke to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Who are you looking for?”

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, “Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him.”

Jesus said, “Mary.”

Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, “*Rabboni!*” meaning “Teacher!”

Jesus said, “Don’t cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: “I saw the Master!” And she told them everything he said to her.

SERMON

“The Lamb, the Gardener and Us”

Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes

RESPONSE

“Morning Has Broken”

MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

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GIFT OF MUSIC

BENEDICTION

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*The empty tomb and resurrection. What happened two thousand years ago?
We may never know the actual facts, but we do know a truth: whatever happened transformed
a people hiding from violence into courageous followers of CHRIST. And what about today?
It is Easter in both Ukraine and Gaza. It is Easter here, on our American soil. We need the redemptive
power of CHRIST to rise today in people who long for peace, no matter where they are.
Easter and the peace of CHRIST, one and the same.—From the writings of Jim Wallis*

GATHERING MUSIC

Winston Culler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Rejoicing” from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* G. F. Handel
Ken Brown, Trumpet and Dale Williams, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

(please rise as you are able)

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Death has lost its sting.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Rejoice in this day of salvation. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

GOSPEL NARRATIVE

John 20: 1 – 10

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. “They took the Master from the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet those around you and wish them Happy Easter.

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor: In forgiving past grudges, in unlocking unwept tears,

People: We experience Easter, and renewed love.

Pastor: In transforming buried anger, in abandoning guilt and fear,

People: We experience Easter, and calming peace.

Pastor: In the melting of the ice in our heart, in the giving of our being to God,

People: We experience Easter, and new life.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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