

# The First Service of Easter

7:00 in the morning

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Gathering

Welcome and Worship Notes

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**

**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,**

**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

## ***Caiphas, the High Priest***

*Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." . . . So from that day on they plotted to take his life. John 11:49-50, 53*

## ***Mary, Mother of Christ***

*Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:31-35*

What Wondrous Love is This

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down,**

**When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,**

**Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul,**

**Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

## ***Joseph of Arimathea***

*As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. Matthew 27:57-60*

## **Mary Magdalene**

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. Mark 16:1-5*

What Wondrous Love is This

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing;**

**To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,**

**While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,**

**While millions join the theme, I will sing**

## **John the Apostle**

*So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.<sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. John 20:3-8*

## **Jairus' Daughter**

*While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more." Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Luke 8:49-55*

What Wondrous Love is This

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,**

**And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,**

**And through eternity I'll sing on.**

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Celebrant: ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: 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.**

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Celebrant: ...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.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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Celebrant: All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

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

Prayer After Receiving

Hymn *"Christ is Alive"* UMH #318

Parting Blessing

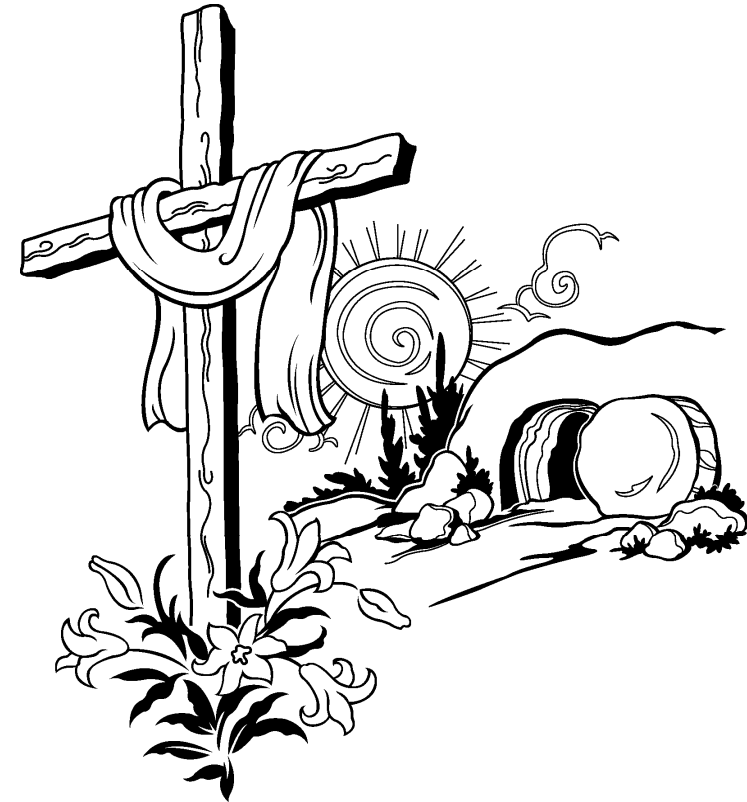
Going Forth

# THE EMPTY TOMB

A Sunrise Service of six stories

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*You are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for breakfast following this service.  
We will have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and our second service of Easter will begin at 10:30 a.m.*