

## A Word About Participating in the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a special covenant meal that Christ gave to His Bride, the Church. **Baptized followers of Jesus** come to this Table to meet with their Lord and Savior by faith, to be renewed and strengthened by Him in their callings and mission as they eat the bread and drink the wine.

**If you are not yet a Christian, or if for whatever reason you are not prepared to share in this meal,** feel free to simply observe. Consider spending this time in prayer, perhaps using one of the prayers listed below. Reflect on the invitation of Jesus, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst...for my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:35, 40).

**Please note, MHC serves wine in the Lord's Supper.** We offer wine since it is often a symbol of joy and celebration in Scripture. **Juice is also provided** if you you would prefer that option.

### Prayers for Those Not Communing

**A Prayer Searching for the Truth:** Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except by You. If what you claim is true, please guide me and teach me. Amen.

**A Prayer of Trust in the Lord Jesus:** Jesus, I confess that I am more broken, flawed, and sinful than I had ever before dared to admit. Yet You tell me that I am more loved than I ever dared to hope, and that You accept all who turn to You in simple faith. I trust You for the forgiveness for my sins, and I receive from You now the eternal life that You promise to all who come to You. Amen.

**A Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:** Jesus, You know the battle that rages within my heart. Grant that in my battles with sin, I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs. Give me strength to turn from every false satisfaction to find my ultimate joy in You. Amen.

**A Prayer for Children (who have yet to profess faith):** Jesus, the Bible tells me that You blessed kids like me. Help me to know who You are and to understand what You have done for me. Amen.

## Announcements

### Welcome to our Easter Resurrection Celebration

On this day, Christians and churches around the world rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This historical event propelled the early followers of Jesus around the known world telling others about the good news of the resurrection of the dead in Christ.

This Good News is meant to be believed, received into our hearts and lives, and overflow to others in both words and good deeds that testify to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Because He is indeed risen from the dead, He is now the world's true Lord & Savior, and invites all to believe in Him and receive the forgiveness of sins, adoption into God's family, and eternal life in the coming Kingdom of God.



*Our mission is to see lives transformed  
by the Good News of Jesus Christ!*



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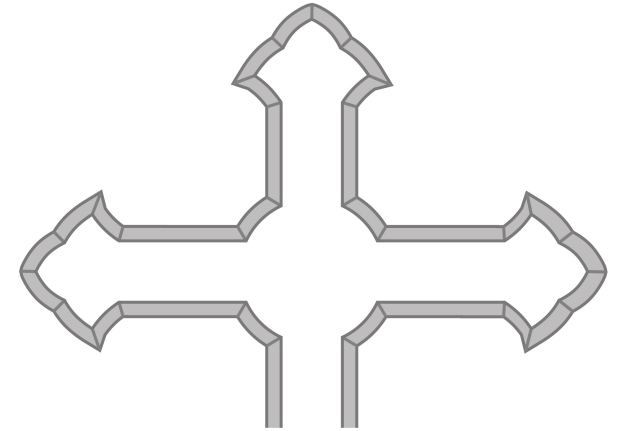
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# April 4th, 2021

## Easter Sunday



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**Welcome!**  
**We're really glad you're  
here with us today.**

Whether you are a Christian seeking to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ, or a skeptic looking for answers, or someone who is struggling to make sense of life and simply looking for a caring community, you are warmly welcome here. We are delighted you came this morning!

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## God Invites Us Into His Presence To Worship Together

*“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”*  
~ Psalm 150:6 ~

### The Invitation

From Colossians 2 & Revelation 4

### Songs of Praise & Worship

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”  
“Agnus Dei (The Lamb of God)”

## God Graciously Renews Us In Christ Jesus

*“Have mercy on me, O God....”*  
~ Psalm 51:1 ~

### The Invitation

Isaiah 30: 15 & 19

A Moment for Silent  
Confession & Reflection

### The Words of the Gospel

1 Timothy 1:15 & 1 Peter 3:18

### Song of Response

“Hail the Day”

## God Gives Us His Words of Eternal Life

*“Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life!”*  
~ The Gospel of John 6:68 ~

### “They Shall See God” Revelation 22:4

## God Receives Our Offerings

*“I appeal to you..., by the mercies of God, to present  
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable  
to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*  
~ Romans 12:1 ~

### The Giving of our Offerings

### Song of Hope & Dedication

“I Will Rise”

## God Invites Us To The Lord’s Table

*“People will come from the east and west and  
north and south, and will take their places  
at the feast in the Kingdom of God.”*  
~ The Gospel of Luke 13:29 ~

### The Words of Institution

For more on Communion,  
please see the back panel.

## Song of Response & Celebration

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

## God Sends Us Out Into The World With His Blessing

*“God has shown you, what is good. And what does  
the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love  
mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*  
~ Micah 6:8 ~

### The Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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### Notes: