

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY APRIL 12, 2020

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 11:00am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Robert Hobby

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

Living God,

through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave me the gift of life in fullness.

Now fill me with the breath of your Spirit to tell the good news of the gospel:

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Amen.

INTROIT I am the Resurrection Kevin Hildebrand

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christos anesti! (Greek)

All: He is risen indeed!

One: El Messieh kahm! (Arabic)
All: He is risen indeed!

One: Le Christ est réssuscité! (French)

All: He is risen indeed!
One: Cristo ha resucitado! (Spanish)

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All: He is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen! (English)

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia! Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We come today to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Yet in the midst of our joy,
we confess that too often our daily lives
do not reflect what Jesus taught us.
We do not seek the Kingdom of God first,
nor do as much as we can to bring
God's love and peace to others in our world.
Lord, help us to follow you more closely
and to be your light in the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

(Matthew 6:33, Matthew 5:14)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Great God, we thank you for Jesus, who was punished for our sins, and suffered a shameful death to rescue us. We praise you for the trust we have in Him, for mercy undeserved, for forgiveness of our sins and for the love you pour out on us all.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN 236, VERSE 1 VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

Passing of the Peace

One: As Jesus rose from the dead, he said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

CHORAL MUSIC Christ the Lord is Risen Today Eleanor Daley

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-4

One: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Jesus Christ has risen, and resurrected our hope, our lives, for...* Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 233 The Day of Resurrection Lancashire (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

EASTER LITANY

One: Christ, after your resurrection you appeared to your disciples;

you breathed on them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

You gave joy and exultation to the whole creation. For your victory, we worship you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

One: Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing.

Through your salvation you enrich us with your gifts. Renew our lives and fill our hearts with joy.

For your victory, we worship you.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

One: Christ, you are glorified by angels in heaven and worshiped on earth.

On the glorious feast of your resurrection . . .

We pray to you.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

One: O merciful God, you raised your beloved Son,

and in your love you established him as head of your church and ruler of the universe . . .

By your goodness we pray.

All: Hear us, Lord of glory.

One: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,

and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death

that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Now the Green Blade Riseth arr. Simon Lindlee

Doxology Old Hundredth

Praise God for all the Lord has done.
Praise Him, for He has overcome.
The grave is beaten. Love has won.
Praise God, the Spirit, Christ the Son. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Eternal God, we praise you that your glory has dawned on us

and brought us into this Day of Resurrection.

We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son

and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers and principalities.

We praise you that he summons us into new life,

to follow him with joy and gladness.

By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair

and set our feet in Christ's holy way,

that our lives may be signs of his life

and all we have may show forth his love.

Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever.

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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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(The Lord's Prayer)

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata (from Symphony No. Five)

Charles Marie Widor

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES

Dr. Thomas E. Evans Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr; Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Holt Andrews, Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist

Quartet: Valerie MacPhail, Lisa Cunningham, Reel Robertson, Paul MacPhail
Thomas Cotter and Matthew Gill, trumpet
Kaci Cotter, horn
Jeff Kuntz and Myrella Samuels, trombone
Matt McDaniel, timpani

Today - Cross of Flowers

During the day, members and guests are invited to bring flowers to place on the cross (remember to use social distancing).

This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

Easter Plowers Llemorials and Honorariums

The Beautiful Ploral Arrangements for Easter are given to the Glory of God and...

... in Loving Alemory of Pamily and Priends

Leland Bomar by Lawrence, Ann and Stirling Caudle Ball
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Schuyler Cecil, Jr. by their loving family
Hilda T. Cope by her daughters, Cathy and Lauren
Sally Barre James by Dr. & Mrs. William A. James
William Graham Kuykendall by George & Dodie Graham
Rice Macfie by Nancy Macfie
James Kelly Nelson, Jr. by Dr. & Mrs. William A. James

... in Honor of Pamily and Priends

Morgan, Jasmine, Jaden, Damian & Emma by Gramma LeAnne and PaPa Ed

Joanne & Eddie Donald by Nancy Macfie

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