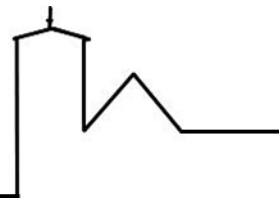


EASTER SUNDAY



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
Gelobt Sei Gott

Michael Burkhardt

This Joyful Eastertide
Vruechten

Andrew Clarke

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter
Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

James Biery

INTROIT

This is the Day
Psalm 118

Jacob Gallus

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Let all creation be amazed!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER *(RESPONSIVE)*

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Light emerges from darkness!

Life out of death!

Hope emerges from despair!

Power through surrender!

God, this is your grace – marvelous and wonderful!

This is your way, always and forever.

You raise us up with Christ, and we thank you.

You create us anew, and we worship you. Alleluia!

*HYMN 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Savior God, forgive our ways that alienate us from life, our tendency to exclude and judge others; the way we evaluate and compare unfairly. Forgive our sins that bring death, our habits that demean and degrade others, our addiction to violent and destructive behaviors. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us to new life in Christ. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE (congregation sings together)

Hymn 122, vs. 1

Thine is the Glory

Judas Maccaebeus

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 6:3-6

***PSALM 118**

Let Us Rejoice

Marty Haugen

Psalm 118
Psalm II for the Easter Season
Marty Haugen

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
joice and be glad; _____ This is the day the
lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
Lord has made, let us re - joyce and be glad! _____
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! _____

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endure for ever; Let the house of Israel say; "God's mercy endures for ever." R
2. The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand I exalted. I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord. R
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, The Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes! R

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-4

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Phillip Stopford

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry
He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings that the lamb is King of Kings Alleluia!
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: **"A Resurrection for Everything and Everyone"**

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*RESPONSIVE*) (from Phillipians 2:5-11)

In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.

Amid our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.

In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.

For no stone could keep God at bay,
and no violence could keep God's love from us.

So today, we sing.
Alleluia!

For somewhere in between our beliefs and doubt,
Hope lives.

Christ has died,
and Christ has also risen.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

The Morning Trumpet

Sacred Harp/ arr. Mack Wilberg

O when shall I see Jesus and reign with him above,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning;
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

O shout with glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

But now I am a soldier, my captain's gone before, and I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

He's given me my orders and he bids me ne'er give o'er,
Till I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

O shout with glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin and shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in ,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

O shout with glory!

I shall mount above the skies when I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.



SEALING THE WORD

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*One: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast.
Not a meal to nourish the body but to feed the soul.*

**All: Take this bread, share this wine.
In these, Christ comes to us.**

With love from God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

One: Woven into this time, the hopes and fears of generations.

There is great joy here. No one is turned away, for God is the host!



Holy Communion

SANCTUS

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply; Alleluia!

*Llanfair
Hymn# 113*

COMMUNION PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Here, in this moment and place, we pray that you would pour out your Spirit of peace and joy upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and upon your children gathered around the Table. You do not give us crumbs but nourish us with compassion, so we might go to serve a world hungering for healing. You do not touch our lips with only a few drops but offer us great gulps of grace, so we might offer peace to a fractured and frightened world.

And when the famine of our despair ends, and you gather all your children around you to be fed at the feast of the Lamb, we will sing our thanksgiving songs to you, as the precious tears of joy run down our cheeks, praising you through all eternity, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!
Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

*Llanfair
Hymn# 113*

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SINGING TOGETHER, Hymn 571)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: *On the night before he died.*
All: **Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said:**
One: *"This is my body, the bread of life broken for you. Take and eat."*
All: **And pouring the fruit of the vine into the cup, he blessed it, saying:**

*One: "This is my blood, the cup of compassion spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Holy Spirit, send energy upon these gifts, your bread, and your cup. God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints and our sisters, siblings, and brothers in faith around the world. Be with us, God, here and in every moment of our lives. Help us...*

All: To know you. To be guided by the Holy Spirit. And to live Christ. Now and forever.

One: This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS *to the congregation*

Communion Anthem

Alleluia from Exsultate, Jubilate K. 165

W.A Mozart

Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(RESPONSIVELY)*

Eternal God, we thank you for this sacred mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to go into the world empowered by your Spirit, to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 120**

Hail Thee Festival Day!

Salve Festa Dies

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles Marie Widor

Leading in worship today:

Dr. Polly Brecht, *Organist-Choirmaster*
J. Douglas McQueen, *tenor* · **Kate Kortemeier**, *alto*
David Kortemeier, *bass* · **Dan Stanley**, *tenor*
Rebekah Dentino, *soprano* · **Karen Stewart**, *soprano*



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