

Resurrection of the Lord
April 17, 2022 Worship Bulletin

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Choir Anthem of Praise

“It’s About the Cross”

*Call To Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our God forever and ever!

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Choral Introit

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

He came to live, live a perfect life
He came to be the Living Word, our Light
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled
He came to rise to show His power and might and

[Chorus]

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing
That's why we offer Him our everything
That's why we bow down and worship this King
'Cause He gave His everything
'Cause He gave His everything

He came to live, live again in us
He came to be our conquering King and Friend
He came to heal & show the lost ones His love
He came to go prepare a place for us

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Easter Greetings

Please greet one another warmly! You might wish to proclaim, “Christ is Risen!” & respond “He is risen indeed!”

Preparing for God's Word

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers!

People: Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. 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.

*Hymn of Praise

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that there are many ways we fail to bow before Christ and acknowledge his rule in our lives. Too often we go along with the way of the world and fail to give you glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ephesians 2:4-7]

Leader: Hear the Good News: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved.

People: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Thanks be to God!

Hearing God's Word

New Testament Reading: Matthew 28: 1-8

28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. 'Now I have told you.'"

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Children and Youth Songs of Praise

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#248, "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us,
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1: 9-18

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of

God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Sermon

"The Best Last Word"

Responding to God's Word

Choral Anthem

"Lift Up the Name of Jesus"

*Affirmation of Faith

[based on 1 Corinthians 15: 3-7; Colossians 1: 15-20]

Leader: This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

*Response

#581, "Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, amen

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Response

#826 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:
Lift high the cross
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.

Come Christians follow
Where our Savior trod
The Lamb victorious
Christ, the Son of God

All newborn servants
Of the Crucified
Bear on their brow
The seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted
On the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us
Life eternally

So shall our song
Of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified
For victory

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#276, "Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing hallelujah

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able