

**Celebration of the Resurrection
April 9, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Easter Introit

"You are Mighty"

You are mighty, You are Holy
You are awesome in Your power
You have risen, You have conquered
You have beaten the power of death
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Welcome & Announcements

Ring the Bell

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Please proclaim to one another: "He is Risen/ He is Risen indeed"

Preparing for God's Word

A Minute with Psalm 57

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 57: 8-11; 1 Peter 1: 3-4]

Leader: Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

People: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; We will sing of you among the peoples.

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: In God's great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, providing us an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

People: Let your glory be over all the earth.

*Hymn of Adoration

"Christ the Lord is Risen," insert

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

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

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following 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

Leader: Gracious God, too often we deny you. Sometimes the risks of discipleship just become too high, so we hide from your call like the disciples hid when Christ was arrested.

People: God forgive.

Leader: Sometimes, we wash our hands of responsibility like Pilate.

People: God forgive.

Leader: Sometimes we betray you, casting our lot with the ways of this world and to buy comfort and joy with silver.

People: God forgive.

Leader: Lord, when fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or our pride keeps us from believing it;

People: God forgive.

Leader: In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

People: Almighty God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22]

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

People: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Praise be to God!

Choir Anthem

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?”

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

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

#240, “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: John 21: 1-14

21:1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

11 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon

"It is the Lord!!"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[based on Colossians 1: 15-20]

Leader: What do we believe about Jesus Christ?

People: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Offering

Offertory

Hymn of Response

#826, "Lift High the Cross," vs. 1, 3, 4

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ the Son of God.

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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*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

Leader: Through your victory we pray to you:
People: Hear us, Lord of Glory.

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.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2069, "All Hail King Jesus" Sing the Faith Hymnal

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of Kings
Lord of Lords
Bright Morning Star
And throughout eternity
I'll sing Your praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able