

Service of Worship April 9, 2023 11:00 am Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord

Gathering

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

(You are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross as a symbol of the transition from Good Friday to Easter. As you place your flower, remember Jesus' death and give thanks for his resurrection.)

PRELUDE "Easter Hymn" tune from Lyra Davidica

"Gelobt Sei Gott" London, 1708
tune by Melchoir Vulpius

ca. 1570–1615

arr. John Ferguson

"The Master Hath Come" Ash Grove — Welsh melody

arr. Mary McDonald

"I Danced in the Morning" based on the

American Shaker tune Simple Gifts arr. Emma Lou Diemer

"This Joyful Eastertide" Vruechten — Dutch 17th century

arr. John Leavitt

Linda Dover, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ONE: We have not seen the risen Christ.

ALL: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

ONE: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

ALL: but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

ONE: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

ALL: but we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

ONE: On this Easter morning,

ALL: we have come to worship and proclaim the love of Christ!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross" arr. Paul Leddington Wright Refrain All Throughout ... Verse 1 All (Parts) **CRUCIFER**

Verse 2 High Voices (Unison to End) ... Verse 3 Low Voices ... Verse 4 All

Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken together)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM "Christ Triumphant" by Mark Patterson

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Chancel Brass – Ben Mason, percussion

Christ triumphant, death's pris'ner no more; Christ triumphant, exalted, risen Lord. Sing with joy this Easter day; Christ is risen from the grave. Alleluia, rejoice! Rejoice! Come praise the risen Lord!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: We share the peace of Christ saying, Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! All:

*HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



Equipping

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (video) John 20:1–18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (Which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

+"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"
Chancel & Exaltation! Singers
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Mack Wilberg 5th century Latin Hymn

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sunshine bid with fairer light, when to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed, his wounded hands and feet he showed, those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost hearts possess, and we to thee will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.

From ev'ry weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide. Amen! A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

+"Reverberations"

Charter Ringers

by Sallie Lloyd, setting by Jennifer Fry

Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Institution

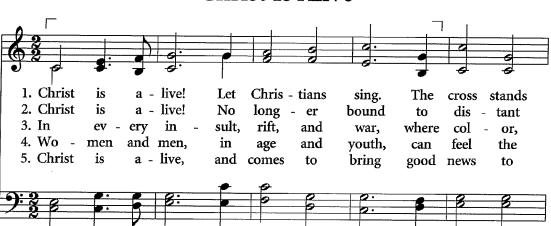
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – please partake of the bread first and then drink. Prayer After Communion

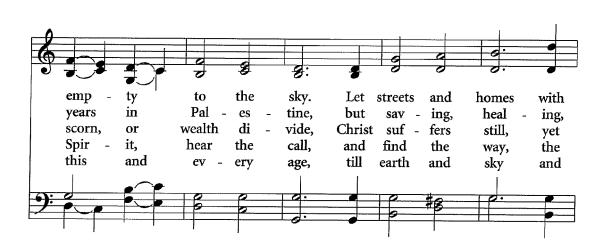
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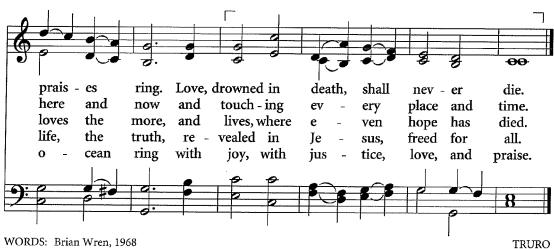
*HYMN "Christ Is Alive" TRURO

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Christ Is Alive







WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968

MUSIC: Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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Higher key, No. 173

POSTLUDE (seated)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Charter Ringers

Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

arr. Joe Galyon based on LLANFAIR

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

+The choral anthem, "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" arr. Mack Wilberg, was donated by the congregation of GCPC in honor of Linda Dover's 25th Anniversary as Organist (1998-2023).

+The handbell piece, "Reverberations" by Sallie Lloyd, was donated by Celia & Mike Nicholas in honor of Celia's Charter Ringer co-director, Chris Krug.

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Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors Elizabeth Bures, Kathy Bures, Linda Bruns, Edwin Fukunaga, Donna Heer, Cheryl Johnson, Jim Kelly, Angela Krug, Lynn Long, Lara Schesser, Cal Sweeten, & Jason Walker

Chancel Brass & Percussion

Darryl Prater & Jim Kelly, trumpets
Mike Hockley & Lara Schesser, euphoniums
Ben Mason, percussion

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Linda Dover, organist – Rebecca Prater, director

Tenors

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