



Service of Worship April 20, 2025 9:00am
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.)

SONGS TO FLOWER

"How Beautiful"
"Lead Me to the Cross"
"Beautiful Scandalous Night"

Praise Team
Twila Paris
Brooke Ligertwood
Daugherty & Hindalong

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ our King is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ our King is risen!

One: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

One: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ our King is risen!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Symbols of faith are returned to the Sanctuary

Lift High the Cross

826

*Refrain**Descant*

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken together)*

Rev. Karen Wright

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make our faces shine with resurrection light, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Christ has been raised from the dead. Where O death is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*SONG OF PEACE

"Flawless"

Mercy Me

Praise Team/**All**

*There's got to be more than going back and forth,
from doing right to doing wrong, 'cause we were taught that's who we are.
Come on, get in line right behind me, you, along with ev'rybody,
thinking there's worth in what you do.*

*Then, like a hero who takes the stage when
we're on the edge of our seats, sayin, "It's too late."
Let me introduce you to amazing grace.*

**No matter the bumps, no matter the bruises,
no matter the scars, still the truth is the cross has made,
the cross has made you flawless.**

**No matter the hurt or how deep the wound is,
no matter the pain, still the truth is the cross has made,
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*Could it possibly be that we simply can't believe
that this unconditional kind of love would be enough
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the day you called his name he made you flawless.
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Equipping

First Lesson

Acts 10:34–40 (NRSVue)

Susan Fitzgerald

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

SONG TO REFLECT

"We Come Alive"

Jonathan Traylor

Praise Team

*What was once dead you brought to life. What was once dark now shines with light.
Your glory fills the atmosphere. Your presence always meets us here.
We come alive.*

*What is broken you will make whole. Ev'ry ruin you will restore.
Your blood bought freedom from our chains. You raise us up from ev'ry grave.*

We come alive.

*Your presence will change us, your spirit will fill us,
Your power will not be denied.*

We come alive.

*There is healing in your presence, there is freedom in your presence.
Loving kindness in your presence, sweet forgiveness in your presence.*

Liberation in your presence, restoration in your presence.

Transformation in your presence, there's salvation in your presence.

We come alive.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24: 1–12 (NRSVue)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Perplexed”

Rev. Karen Wright

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Hymn of Heaven”

Hymn Of Heaven

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham)

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham, Bill Johnson,
Brian Johnson and Chris Davenport

♩ = 71

1. How I long to breathe the air of
Heav _ en, where pain is gone and mer _ cy fills the streets; to look up _ on the one who bled to
save me, and walk with Him for all e _ ter _ ni _ ty. There will be a day when all will bow be -
fore Him. There will be a day when death will be no more. Stand - ing face to face with He who died and
rose a - gain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

3. On that day we join the res - ur - rec - tion, and stand be - side the he - roes of the

faith. With one voice, a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions sing wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. For -

ev - er He shall reign. There will be a day when all will bow be - fore Him. There will be a

day when death will be no more. Stand - ing face to face with He who died and rose a - gain.

Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. So, let it be to - day we shout the hymn of Heav - en. With an - gels and the

Saints we raise a might - y roar. Glo - ry to our God who gave us life be - yond the grave.

Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen

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.*

This morning we are celebrating communion by intinction. Please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup. Return to your seat using the outside aisle. Stations are at the front and rear of the Sanctuary. If you need to remain seated, communion can be brought to you.

Music for Communion

“Communion Song”

Jonathan Stockstill

Praise Team

*Let's have a meal. Let me reveal who I am: I'm your savior.
I will kneel down and wash all the sin from your soul. I'm your servant;
I am all you need.
I'm the lamb that was slain, and my blood washes you clean.
I'm the pure sacrifice. Let my life give you life.
I'm the lamb.*

*I am the bread given for everyone; I sustain you.
Drink from the cup; it is my blood shed for all. I'm redemption;*

*I'm the lamb that was slain, and my blood washes you clean.
I'm the pure sacrifice. Let my life give you life.
I'm the lamb.*

*We cry worthy ~ we cry worthy ~ we cry worthy is the lamb of God.
You're the lamb that was slain, and your blood washes us clean.
You're the pure sacrifice. Let your life give us life.
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Prayer After Communion

Sending

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

*SONG TO SEND

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Praise Team verses/**All chorus**

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GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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