

April 17, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday

PRELUDE: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Jan Sanborn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

GATHERING SONG: No. 232 – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

We come singing glad songs of victory, for God's love prevails.

We come with joy in this day and hope for all days to come.

For the Lord is valiant;

let us exalt God's goodness.

Let us come worship God, for Jesus Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed — alleluia!

OPENING HYMN: No. 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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and magnificent God,
we confess that our eyes are too often shut.
We are a people immersed in darkness,
understandably focused on suffering and destruction,
while ignoring how we contribute to these things.
Though you dwell among all people in all conditions,
we confess that we look for you in comfortable, familiar
situations,**

**neglecting the needs of seemingly far-off neighbors and strangers
at the gate.**

**We seek to be a new creation in singular, solitary ways,
forgetting how you call all people together,
especially those left out, forgotten and pushed to the margins.**

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to see the miracles of your creation all around us.

**Grant that we may live fully as people of resurrection
and that our hope will draw us to unexpected places.**

**Help us to answer your call upon our lives,
to be voices for transformation, and to use our hands to serve
your will.**

**Grant that we may work to build community and repair that
which is broken.**

**Help us to amend our own lives and fully embrace your promise
of life everlasting, Let us walk with one another and lift up one
another,
and so be transformed by you.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 456 – “Listen, God is Calling”

Leader: Listen,

All: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (repeat)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:21-29 and John 20:1-18

SERMON: “Tears on Easter Morning”

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 241 – “Woman Weeping in the Garden”

Woman, weeping in the garden,
who has pushed the stone aside?
Who has taken Jesus’ body,
Jesus Christ the crucified?

Woman, waiting in the garden,
after men have come and gone,
after angels give their witness,
silently you watch the dawn.

Woman, walking in the garden,
Jesus takes you by surprise;
when the gardener calls you, “Mary!”
faith and joy meet in your eyes.

Woman, weeping in the garden,

weep for joy, for you have seen
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.

Woman, dancing from the garden,
find the others and proclaim
Christ is risen as he promised;
tell the world he knew your name!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Beautiful City" Stephen Schwartz

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: No. 240 – “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: No. 238 – “Thine is the Glory!”

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,

risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION: "Every Morning is Easter Morning"**

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good riddance! Hello, Lord, Hello,
sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!

Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.
Get it straight from the Easter People! God's in charge spread the
word!

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Yesterday I was bored and lonely; But today look and see!
I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!
Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
Ev'ry morning is Easter morning,
From now on!

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