

Service for the First Lord's Day

Resurrection of our Lord

April 5, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

As we enter the sanctuary to worship, we cross the threshold from the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy, from darkness to light. Please enter into this sacred space in reverence.

Very early on that first day you confounded death. Very early on this first day, you have rolled fear away from our hearts so we can see the Risen Lord. Halleluiah! Amen.

Gathering

WELCOME

Kathy Porter

*INTROIT

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
Bert Lowe

arr. by Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day:

when tears are wiped away, hearts are mended, fears are replaced with joy.

This is the day the Lord:

rolls away the stone of fear, throws off death's clothes, goes ahead of us into God's future.

This is the day the Lord has made:

death has no fear for us. Sin has lost its power over us. God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

This is the day. This is the *first* day! This is Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen! Hallelujah!

*HYMN #246

"Christ Is Alive!" (1,2 & 5)

Sacra, 1778

CALL TO CONFESSION

Logically, rationally, we believe we have no need to confess. Our petty sins pale in comparison to the great evils of our world. But this is the day God tossed logic out the window and raised Jesus from the dead. So we must throw out our claims of innocence, and confess how we have not lived as God's Easter people. We will pray to the great God of mercy. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Easter God. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We

have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Stunning God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One, we pray.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever. In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected, we are forgiven!

On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's Easter people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

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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ANTHEM

"Oh, Shout for Joy"

arr. by Fettke

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

Bibles, p.534 /LG. p.694

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #511

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"(v 1-3)

Underwood,1993

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 16: 1-8

Bibles, p. 51/ LG. p. 66

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Bodily Resurrection"

Rev. Candice Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.” This we believe! – A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1 –.2., 10.5 –.6

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER *Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

Sending

*HYMN #232 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v. 1-3)* Wesley, 1740

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #232 *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (v. 4)*

POSTLUDE Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

Prayers for: Cindy Ratliff, Bill Stanley and family, Jane, Tolly & Diane Dill, Debbie Murphy, Bob Hays, Billie Manck

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Mon. 04/06	Offices Closed	
Wednesday	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Thurs. 04/09	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Chili Cook off/Rusk Co. Expo

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