



Christ is Risen!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED.

Celebration of the Resurrection

April 21, 2019

Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

Jesus Christ, reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Alleluia!” O’Carroll, 1981
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Liturgist - Jimmy Chapman

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. *Amen.*

LITANY FOR EASTER - Responsive

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Brief Silence

Take, eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Instructions

Come for all is prepared.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Selected

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - Unison

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

Sending

*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

Budry, 1884

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—

abide with you forever. *Alleluia!*

Now go forth in Jesus’ name,

remembering his new commandment

to love one another,

just as he has loved us. *Amen*

*CLOSING RESPONSE #243

“Be Not Afraid”

Berthier, 1998

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

show the way through the wilderness,
turn hardship into righteousness,
and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,
to confound the haughty,
to confuse the deceivers,
to challenge the wrong-hearted,
and, in all these things,
to give hope to those who long for peace.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
You give us words when we have none;
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace,
Spirit of Love,
Breath of Life.
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,
and teach us to proclaim with her,
"I have seen the Lord!"

In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever. *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER - Unison

Using the words from our own traditions, let us pray the Lord's Prayer together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Wesley, 1740

CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together, first in silence, and then in unison.

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, forgive us when we would rather mourn the old. God of resurrection, forgive us when all we can see is death. God of faithfulness, forgive us when we are certain that we are alone. Forgive us, God of mercy. Make us aware of the depth of your grace, that we might respond with lives of faithfulness.

LORD HAVE MERCY

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

Kyrie Eleison

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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.

Word

ANTHEM

*"Christus Resurrexit"
(Chancel Choir)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

Bibles,p.654/LG.p.851

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Acts 10:34-43 Bibles,p.121/LG.p.157

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN #248 “*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*” Wren, 1984

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 Bibles, p.108/ LG. p.140

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Michele R. Goff

DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names— Jesus Christ our Lord— now and in the age to come. *Amen.*

***HYMN #242** “*Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*” Dufner, 1996

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Unison**

The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Responsive

Our response this morning is: *hear our prayer.*

Eucharist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Selected

DOXOLOGY** ***NEW LANGUAGE, SAME TUNE FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION - Unison**

Eternal God, take and use these gifts for your purpose in the world— giving food to the hungry, hope to the despairing, and new life to the dead. Teach us to live each day for you,

so that future generations will know your goodness and praise your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is not my table; it is not the church’s table. It is not a Presbyterian table. This is God’s table. It is a foretaste of the heavenly feast.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow -- and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is our Maker. It is God’s will that we should meet the Holy One here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you all. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to God.*

Give thanks to our God! *All our thanks, all our praise!*

In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,
for your mercy is sure
and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,
who sets us free from death
and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars,
and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy God,
our life, our mercy, our might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.
Blest is the One who comes in your name.
Save us, we pray, you beyond all.*

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
By your power and love you continue
to deliver your people from bondage,
thwart the designs of evil,