

Morning Worship
April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude *Toccata from Symphony No. V* Widor

*Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

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*Processional Hymn *An Easter Jubilation* Sara Marie Jewart, trumpet

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. His the scepter, his the throne.

Alleluia! Christ has triumphed. His the victory alone.

Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood."

Crown Him with many crowns, the lamb upon the throne:

Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name. Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!

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Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life.

Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen. (time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. You shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Friends, trust the good news of your salvation,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

"The Holy in Ordinary"

We Respond to God's Word

* Declaration of Faith (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.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Look, The Sight Is Glorious*

Haller

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

Prayer of Dedication

God Seals His Word Through the Lord's Supper

*Hymn 511 *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

Invitation to the Table

Epiclesis (Sung by all, three times)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

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.

Words of Institution and Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 246 *Christ is Alive!*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response

* Postlude *Trumpet Tune*

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The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Helen Jeter and Ruth Jackson.

The **sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Libby Knight and her family upon the death of her brother, Steve Bilby.

