



Order of Worship

April 1st, 2018



Easter Sunday

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LITURGY

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† CALL TO WORSHIP

“King Of Kings”

words by Sophie Conty, 1980; music by Unknown, Ancient Hebrew Folksong

King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Glory, Hallelujah! (2x)

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory, Hallelujah! (2x)

WELCOME

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

Leader: The tomb is empty!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: The soldiers are gone!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: The crowds are silent!

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: And death is broken!

People: Christ is risen!

ALL: Our Lord Jesus, we rejoice within Your triumph over sin and death, for Your victory is our victory. Now help us to live by it, in it, and for it that the world might know You truly live. Lord, receive our thanks and praise this day, offered up in joyful song.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! THANKS BE TO GOD!

† SONG OF APPROACH

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

words by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788; music by J. Walsh, 1708

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

The people join hands

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

Forever and ever. Amen.

† SONG OF ADORATION

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

words and music by Randy Phillips, Shawn Craig and Dan Dean, 2004

Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 Precious Redeemer and Friend
 Who would have thought that a Lamb could
 Rescue the souls of men
 Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper
 Spirit we long to embrace
 You offer hope when our hearts have
 Hopelessly lost the way
 Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

[CHORUS]

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, Infinite Father
 Faithfully loving Your own
 Here in our weakness You find us
 Falling before Your throne
 Oh, we're falling before Your throne
 [CHORUS]

† CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, on this Easter morn, let us confess our sins together saying....

ALL: Gracious Father, You sent Your Son to die and rise to new life in order that we might live. Yet we confess that too often we have chosen to remain captives to a way that leads to death. By our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced Your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves. In His name we pray. Amen.

(Confess in Silence)

† SONG OF CONFESSION

“Shepherd Me, O God”

words and music by Marty Haugen, 1986

**[ALL]: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
 beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Cantor (Ver. 1): God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want
 I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love
 I walk by the quiet waters of peace. [ALL]

Cantor (Ver. 2): Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul,
 You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth
 My Spirit shall sing the music of Your name. [ALL]

Cantor (Ver. 3): Though I should wander the valley of death,
 I fear no evil, for You are at my side
 You rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope. [ALL]

CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and Sisters, hear and believe this promise of God: *If we confess our sins, Christ is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* (1 John 1:9)
Therefore, in light of this sure promise, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!
Thanks be to God!**

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL: 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 Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead;
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
And He is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* The word *catholic* means “universal” or “for all people” (not the Roman Catholic Church).

+ PASSING OF PEACE

Pastor: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

+ SONG OF PEACE

“We Are Marching In The Light Of God”

words and music by Unknown, Zulu Traditional Melody

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God! (2x)
*We are marching, marching, we are marching
Oo, we are marching in the light of God! (2x)*

We are dancing in the light of God,
We are dancing in the light of God! (2x)
*We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing
Oo, we are dancing in the light of God! (2x)*

We are singing in the light of God,
We are singing in the light of God! (2x)
*We are singing, singing, we are singing
Oo, we are singing in the light of God! (2x)*

We are praying in the light of God,
We are praying in the light of God! (2x)
*We are praying, praying, we are praying
Oo, we are praying in the light of God! (2x)*

† EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-29 (ESV)

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

Lector: And now friends, a reading from the letters of Paul. Listen and hear the Word of God:

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the scholar of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and a folly to the Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ And God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are.

Lector: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

† GOSPEL READING

Mark 16:14-20 (ESV)

The Great Commission

Pastor: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from from the Gospel of Mark:

¹⁴ After rising from the dead, and appearing to some of His followers, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were reclining at table, and He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Pastor: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

It's Not Over

WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give, but if you choose to give we thank you and pray that you are blessed.

† DOXOLOGY *words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

† INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray...It is our duty and delight that we should
(Chant) everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with the Church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn....

† SANCTUS *words by Reginald Heber, 1826; music by John B. Dykes 1861*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
All, Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and Might - y!
God in three Per - sons bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

† WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INSTRUCTION

Pastor: On the night He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take this and eat of it; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me until I come again.”

And in the same way, after supper, He also took the cup, and said, “Take this and drink of it; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.”

Gracious Father, we thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ, Who gave His life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these Your gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us His body and His blood. Amen.

Friends, in the breaking of His body, Christ received our brokenness and gave us the blessings of heaven. Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith in Him.

ALL: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Pastor: Behold the gifts of God for you, the people of God. Let us keep the feast!

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all baptized Christians and those who wish to follow Jesus to come to the Table and receive Communion. We take the elements by *intinction* or dipping the bread into the cup, so once you receive the bread please hold on to it that you might dip it into the cup. To ensure that all can partake our bread is gluten-free, and we use grape juice.

† SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Amen”

words and music by African-American Spiritual

See the little baby. *Amen*
 Wrapped in a manger. *Amen*
 on Christmas morning. *Amen, Amen, Amen*

See Him at the Temple. *Amen*
 Talkin’ to the Elders. *Amen*
 How They marveled at His wisdom. *Amen, Amen, Amen*

See Him at the seaside. *Amen*
 Preaching and healing. *Amen*
 The blind and feeble. *Amen, Amen, Amen*

Marchin in Jerusalem. *Amen*
 Over palm branches. *Amen*
 In pomp and splendor *Amen, Amen, Amen*

See Him in the garden. *Amen*
 Praying to His Father. *Amen*
 In deepest sorrow *Amen, Amen, Amen*

Then they crucified Him. *Amen*
 Jesus our Savior. *Amen*
 And He rose on Easter. *Amen, Amen, Amen*

Hallelujah! *Amen*
 He died to save us. *Amen*
 And He lives forever. *Amen, Amen, Amen*

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest and bring Good News to a restless world, let pray with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying, Lord in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your Son said, 'Peace be with you', and appeared to Mary Magdalene while she was weeping. May You bring His peace to St. Gallen, Switzerland, Europe, and the world, and may the sad, lonely, and grieving know His comfort and His joy. Lord in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your Son told the women at the tomb, and two of His disciples on Emmeaus Road, to share the resurrection with all and to make Him known in the breaking of bread. Guide Christians everywhere to share the resurrection with their lives, and help us to reveal Your Son through His Sacraments and Holy Word. Lord in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your Son brought peace to Thomas who was fearful with doubt, and through His death He has conquered death and given us eternal life. Reassure those who are doubting and strengthen their faith with hope and love, and lead those who are dying to Your presence that is filled with life. Lord in Your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant that we, and all who celebrate Your Son this joyful day, may come to stand before Him in the life everlasting. May the world know through us that sin and death have lost their power, and may all people rejoice with us in You Who are our God and King. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, Your risen Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

† SONG OF SENDING

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

words by Charles Wesley, 1744; music by John Darwall, 1770

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore!
 2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules both earth and heaven;
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:
 and take His ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

† BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

Pastor: May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 May the sweet and fragrant rain of God's blessing fall
 soft upon your lives,
 And until we meet again, brothers and sisters, family
 and friends in Christ
 May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 hold you in the hollow of His hand.

† CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Threefold (Danish) Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.