

PRELUDE

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◇ A time of quiet preparation
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Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise/ H. Bal-

Thine is the Glory/ G. F. Han-

Meditation on 'I Know that My Redeemer Liveth'/ G.

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O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!/ arr. K.

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The Strife Is O'er/ G. Pal-

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is Risen

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Leader: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.

People: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.

Leader: The Lord is Risen

People: He is Risen Indeed!

OPENING HYMN 277

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Christ the Lord is Risen To-

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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The Apostles'

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

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**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. Acts 2:25b-28 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1, 19-24 (NIV)

Ray & Shirley Weigand

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CHORAL ANTHEM (with Children's Choir) *Psalm for Easter Day/* arr. R. Proulx

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice, let us be glad!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
God's love endures for evermore.
So let the children of Israel say:
God's love endures for evermore!
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice, let us be glad!

The Lord's right hand has triumph brought;
the Lord's right hand has raised me up.
I shall not die but I shall live,
singing of all God's mighty deeds!
This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice, let us be glad!

The stone the builders would not use
has now become the cornerstone.
Such wonders are the work of the Lord,
and they are marvels in our sight!

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, let us be glad!

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:54b-57 (NIV)
Beth Stoyer

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM (with Children's Choir) *Christ is Risen/ arr. H. Sorenson*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light;
The glory of God has defeated the night!

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.

He is risen, come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave. O death where is your sting?
O grave, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light; our God is not dead! He's alive!

Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Sons of men and angels say,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.

EASTER MESSAGE

An Obituary Retracted
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

CHORAL ANTHEM see back of bulletin *The Day of Resurrection/ R. Hobby*
(All vs. 1-2, Choir only vs. 3, All vs. 4)

POSTLUDE

Today God's Son Has Triumphed/ J.S. Bach
Douglas Weaver

Made like Him, like Him we rise! Alleluia! Ours the cross,
the grave the skies! Come awake, come awake and sing!
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake! Come and rise up from the grave.
O death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?
O church come stand in the light; our God is not dead!
He's alive, Christ is alive! He's alive!

HYMN 271

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (NIV)

Jackie & Sheldon Becker

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Have Seen the Lord/ J. Purifoy

By morning's early light she went to see the garden tomb.
But when she looked inside she saw instead an empty room.
The wrappings that once covered him were scattered all around,
and Mary could not understand why he could not be found.

But then she heard him call her name the way he had before.
She turned and saw him standing there, her heart began to soar.

"Alleluia, I have seen the Lord! Alleluia, life has been restored!
Praise my Savior, highest and adored, Alleluia!
I have seen the Lord!"

He sent her back to tell them all the news she had to share.
She told them, "I have seen the Lord no more will I despair.
My Savior lives again, oh how my joyful heart is stirred!
I want to sing and shout the news till ev'ryone has heard!"

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Praise my Savior, highest and adored, Alleluia!
I have seen the Lord!"