

PRELUDE

Welcome, Happy Morning!/ R. Peery
How Lovely Are the Feet of Them/ G. F. Handel
That Eastertide with Joy was Bright/ arr. R. Wilson
An Easter Carol/ trad. German
Easter Chimes/ J. Weston
Christ the Lord is Risen Today/ arr. L. Lyon
Aviendha Fogie, piano

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM

O Sons and Daughters/ M. Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see, who sat, and spake unto the three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise,
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia!

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.**

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*HYMN

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty. From there he will come 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**

WORSHIP SONGS

Vicki Ruckert, Reader

Leader: When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed
his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First
and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and
behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death
and Hades." Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

WELCOME TO VISITORS

CHORAL ANTHEM

Man of Sorrows/ L. Larson

Surely He has borne our griefs. Surely He has borne our sorrows.
He was wounded for us, bruised and rejected for us.
The chastisement of our sin was placed on Him.
Surely He has borne our griefs. Surely He has borne our sorrows.
He was chosen for us, alone, He stands there for us.
The sins of all the world were placed on Him.
All we like sheep have gone astray, we've turned to our own way,
yet by His stripes we have been healed. Messiah, holy Lamb of God,
Redeemer full of love, rejected Man of sorrows.
"Man of Sorrows," what a name for the Son of God, who came.
He came for ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Surely He has borne our griefs.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-9 (NIV)
Evalyn Harris, Reader

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told all these things to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

CHORAL ANTHEM

We Have Seen the Lord! P. Choplin

The morning chills the garden path, the sky begins to glow.
Nothing stirs but morning birds as to the grave we go.
With heavy hearts, we find the tomb, but see the open door.
The door is open, we run inside, we cannot find the body of the Lord.
O gardener, please tell me sir, I desperately implore.
His tomb is bare, please tell me where you've taken my dear Lord.
Then I looked up and saw His face. "Mary," He called my name.
"Go tell them that I ascend, I am risen, I'm alive!"
He is alive!
He is risen, for we have seen the Lord. He is risen,
for we have seen the Lord. Hallelujah, for we have seen the Lord.
We have seen Him. Hallelujah, for we have seen Him.
Hallelujah, He is alive! Hallelujah, for we have seen Him.
He is not dead, for He is risen. He is not dead, He is alive.
He is not dead, for He is risen. Hallelujah! We have seen the Lord!

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!! K. Getty, E. Cash
Vocals: Kelly Interrante; Band: Joe Interrante, Rick Goshert,
Dean & Lori Weaver, Rachel Klein, Courtney Fogie

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24: 13-35 (NIV)
David Noll, Reader

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

EASTER MESSAGE

Stranger on the Road
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-39, 45-48 (NIV)

Jason Sauder, Reader

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have...."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Power of the Cross/ arr. M. Hayes

O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker
bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished"
the vict'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring
I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through
Your selfless love! This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand forgiven at the cross.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:20 & Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

Nick Crowther, Reader

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits
of those who have fallen asleep.

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

HYMN (see bulletin back) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds/* arr. J. Behnke

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Strife is O'er/ arr. D. Eliot

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