

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDES

Given for You
The Cup of Salvation

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (Luke 24:34)

L: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Empty Now

Martin

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOMING SONG #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

(verse one)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

(verse two)

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

(verse four)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION (from I Peter 1)

L: "Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness." Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to our doubts and fears, bound by the ways that only lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we take advantage of the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life through Christ our risen Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from I Peter 2)

L: "All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia No. 1

(refrain, v. 4, refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 118:15-17, 21-24

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Will Rise

Giglio (Arr. by McDonald)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

“The Empty Tomb”

Rev. John Wahl

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from scripture)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Easter Dawn

James Southbridge

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

SONG OF INVITATION #507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

Table of Grace

(verse 1)

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

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GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, at this table we celebrate new life: shaped and transformed by your redeeming love. Nourished now – in body, mind, and spirit – may all that we say and do give you glory. AMEN.

SENDING SONG #826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

(refrain)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

(verse one)

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

(refrain)

(verse three)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.

(refrain)

(verse four)

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.

(refrain)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Strive Is O'er

Edward Broughton