

EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

APRIL 12, 2009

11:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

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MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

The Church Bell Calls us to Worship

Prelude

Introit: *Jesus Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (*The Exultet*)

One: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

One: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

One: Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

All: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

*Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* PH 182

*Unison Prayer:

Glory to you, O God: On this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: For us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the door to eternal life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: You lead us into all truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins"*)

*The Gloria Patri

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9 O.T. Pg. 652/L.P. Pg. 798

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118:1-19 O.T. Pg. 565/LP. Pg. 694

Second Reading: Mark 16:1-8 N.T. Pg. 33/L.P. Pg. 41

Anthem: *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. A. Parker/R. Shaw

Time with the Children

*Hymn: *Now the Green Blade Rises* NCH 238

Reflection:

*Hymn: *Yours is the Glory* NCH 253

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* (from *Messiah*) G.F. Handel

*Doxology: PH 515

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: We need no longer seek Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. In the gift of the resurrection you have given us life for death, joy for sorrow, confidence for fear, and hope for mourning. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Lord's Table is open to all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ
and to share in the community of God's people. Deacons ask
parents to reflect on communion and its meaning with their children.*

The Eucharistic Prayer and Post-communion Prayer

See Insert

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

PH 187

Benediction

Choral Response: *Go Forth Rejoicing*

arr. M. Pluddemann

Postlude

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