

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 1, 2018

The Christian Year: The Resurrection of our Lord

10:30 AM Morning Service

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: This is the good news—the grave is empty.

People: Alleluia!

Minister: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Alleluia!

Minister: This is the good news—once we were not a people; now we are God's people.

People: Alleluia!

Minister: This is the good news—Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we share with God and each other.

Unison: Come, let us adore Him! Alleluia!

***Hymn of Proclamation**

No. 277

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

Almighty God, God of my exodus: Great was the joy in Israel when Egypt died upon the shore; but far greater is our joy since the Redeemer's foe lies crushed in the dust! O, Jesus, you stride forth as the victor; conqueror of the grave, hell and all opposing might. You burst the bands of death, trampled the powers of darkness down, and now live forever. Give me the assurance that in You I died, in You I rose, in Your life I live, in Your victory I triumph, in Your ascension I shall reign, in Your glory I shall be glorified, all to the praise of Your glorious grace. Amen.

Adapted from The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Praise be to God!

***Gloria**

Tune: Ode to Joy

Look, ye saints the sight is glorious, see the Man of Sorrows now;

From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow;
Hark! Those bursts of acclamation! Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!

Jesus takes the highest station! King of kings and Lord of Lords!

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 50-58

Hymn of Response

SH 13

Resurrection Hymn

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome sin and death and have brought us to yourself. We thank you that by the sealing of the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection to newness of life and have bound us to yourself and to your service. Renew us, O Lord, by the same Holy Spirit, granting us an inquiring mind, an affectionate and discerning heart, and the courage to will and persevere in all that you would call us to, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

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Up from the Grave He Arose

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

Tune: Old Hundredth

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; Amen!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures**

Luke 23:50-24:12

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon

Rev. Seth Wallace

"THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS"

***Hymn of Response**

Thine Be the Glory

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***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism will *not* meet today.