

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, April 21, 2019

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: 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.

~from 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

No. 276

Up from the Grave He Arose

A Litany for Easter

Minister: In the peace of the risen Christ, we pray to you, our Father: that our risen Savior may grant us victory over all our enemies, seen and unseen.

People: **That He may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and his power.**

Minister: That He may raise us up and seat us with Himself in heaven.

People: **That He may fill us with the joy of His holy and life-giving resurrection.**

Minister: That He may, through us, provide for those who lack food, work, and shelter.

People: **That by His love, wars and famine may cease through all the earth.**

Minister: That isolated and persecuted churches might find fresh strength in the Paschal mystery.

People: **Again and again in peace, we pray to you, Lord.**

Minister: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Encouragement

Minister: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:31-34)

Unison: **Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

*Hymn of Praise

SH 13

Resurrection Hymn

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

Matthew 28:1-10

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID"

Rev. Seth Wallace

*Hymn of Response

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Thine Be the Glory

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.