

Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022
Service of Word and Sacrament

PRELUDE*Alas and Did/To the Cross***Mr. Cody Ecknenrode****GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS****PASSING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Passing of the Peace is the oldest part of the Christian liturgy and is a special way we welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. You are invited to participate in this ritual by offering one another a wave, a peace sign, a Namaste nod and bow, along with the words, “the peace of Christ be with you,” and a return response, “and also with you.” For those gathered across the miles and airwaves, you too, are invited to participate in this ancient ritual by posting in the online comment box.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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All: Alleluia! Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

PRAYER

Pastor: Good News God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine - CHRIST IS RISEN! Surely, your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with the joy of those first disciples, the first witnesses to your resurrection, that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory. Let us roll back the stone of the grave and pick up the stones of ALLELUIA once again. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN*Christ the Lord is Risen Today***Hymnal, #167****CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Pastor: We heard about Jesus in Scripture: how he would suffer and die and then rise from the dead on the third day; how, through his death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sin would be possible for all who repent. So let us boldly approach the throne of God, where we find grace and mercy.

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Pastor: God, we confess to you that while we know quite well the story of your victory over the grave, it is not a story we always live.

All: We are dragged down by all manner of death: fear may suffocate us when we consider the loss of dreams and hopes for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation. Sorrow may wall us off like a grave, isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief.

Pastor: Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed not with the marks of death, but with the word, "Alleluia!"

All: *So, on this Easter morning, we pray that you will fill us with "fear and great joy" so that, like those women disciples who came to the tomb expecting death, we may instead find the new life that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate and revive, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to save. Cast off the yoke of mourning and regret. Rise up in joy! Christ lives! We live! All is made new on this Resurrection morning!

Congregation: Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Up from the Grave He Arose
(Low in the Grave He Lay)

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 10:34-43

Mrs. Anna Mae Schriver

NEW TESTAMENT READING - John 20:1-18

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SERMON

Because He Lives

Rev. Laura C. Baker

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art Mr. Cody Santiago & Mr. Gary Knisely, Duet

A CHRISTIAN AFFIRMATION OF RESURRECTION

Liturgist: Celebrating the Easter resurrection is NOT a holiday, but a HOLY Day for believers in Christ.

Congregation: **Christ got up from the grave and we too, have the power to rise from our dead situations. We celebrate the resurrection, and we will live in ways that testify to the Risen Christ!**

Liturgist: Resurrection takes place in the mind and body, as well as the soul.

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Liturgist: We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

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Liturgist: Maintaining a resurrection faith and heartfelt conviction means remembering that Jesus rose from the dead.

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Liturgist: Having faith in the power of the resurrection encourages believers in Christ to *live* holy lives.

Congregation: **Christ got up from the grave and we too have the power to rise from our dead situations. We celebrate the resurrection, and we will live in ways that testify to the Risen Christ!**

All: *We are grateful for the gifts of faith and courage, which enable us to serve God in ALL the circumstances of our lives. It is a joyous thing to live out our salvation and the good news of Christ's resurrection, which brings regeneration, renewal, and restoration throughout our lives. Christ got up from the grave and we too have the power to rise from dead situations. We celebrate the resurrection, and we will live in ways that testify to the Risen Christ! Alleluia. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story

Ms. Rachael Wertz, Solo

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: We *are* witnesses called to tell the story of the Holy Spirit's power and the Resurrected Christ. We now turn in thanksgiving to share the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world, with the tithes and offerings of our time, talent, and financial resources. May our gifts be a living testimony to those who most need the healing grace of Christ this morning. Let us offer them with a prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: *Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the promise of resurrection life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy the Spirit gives, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight and revive, restore and resurrect all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence and good news of life abundant, on this and every day. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.*

ANTHEM

He is Risen

Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: *Alleluia! He is risen indeed!*

Pastor: On the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, and later on that same day, He sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Congregation: **This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Women and men, young and old, come from the east and the west, and the north and the south, to gather about Christ's table.**

Pastor: This is Christ's table, and it is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you, Creator of heaven and earth; Creator and Lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you, you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising that you would love us forever with an everlasting love. And so, we join our voices with all the company of heaven and earth proclaiming:

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna In the highest!*

Pastor: Holy God, this meal which we share today is a celebration your love, which became known to us through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son – our beloved Lord. He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power, and as if that weren't enough, he gave his very life for us. On the night of his betrayal, as he sat at a table and broke bread with his friends, he said:

Congregation: “Take and eat. This is my body, which is broken for you. Remember me, each time you do this.”

Pastor: After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said:

Congregation: “Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

Pastor: It was the beginning of a new relationship with God. God of resurrection power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the very life of Christ. Through this communion, may we make that life visible through our faithful witness to him. Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: *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.*

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: These are holy things for holy people. Come, for all things are ready.

Both grape juice and wine are served.

Grape juice is clear and will be served from the lectern side.

Wine is red and will be served from the pulpit side.

Please receive as you feel called.

Please come down the center aisle to receive communion and return to your set by way of the side aisle. If anyone is uncomfortable or unable to come forward, Pastor Laura and an usher will come to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Victory in Jesus! (Bulletin, Pages 6 & 7)

Lift High the Cross (Bulletin, Page 8)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: *This has been no ordinary meal. It has been one in which we have been fed and nourished with the life of Jesus, our crucified and Risen Lord. May we go from here, refreshed and eager, to share that life with others. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! This is a day of new beginnings. This is the day of brightness and hope! For God has done wondrous things for us! Go in joyful peace and know that God's peace and God's love goes with you always. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation: **Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

All: **ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymnal, #174

POSTLUDE

Praylude for Easter

Mr. Cody Eckenrode

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Low in the Grave Christ Lay

Capo 1: B \flat (A) E \flat /B \flat (D/A) B \flat (A) F(E) F 7 (E 7) E \flat /B \flat (D/A) B \flat (A)

1 Low in the grave Christ lay— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 2 Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;
 3 Death can - not keep its prey— Je - sus, my Sav - ior;

E \flat (D) B \flat (A) Gm(F \sharp m) F/C(E/B) C 7 (B 7) F(E)

wait - ing the com - ing day—
 vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord.
 he tore the bars a - way—

B \flat (A) Refrain E \flat (D)

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a might - y tri - umph o'er his
 he a - rose!

B \flat (A) F(E) F 7 (E 7) Gm(F \sharp m) E \flat (D) B \flat (A)

foes, He a - rose a vic - tor from the dark do - main,
 he a - rose!

E \flat (D) C(B) F(E) Gm(F \sharp m) F(E) B \flat (A)

and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign! He a - rose!
 He a - rose!

499 Victory in Jesus

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:57

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1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
 2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing power re - veal - ing,
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

How He gave His life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me.
 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see.
 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;

I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 And then I cried, "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

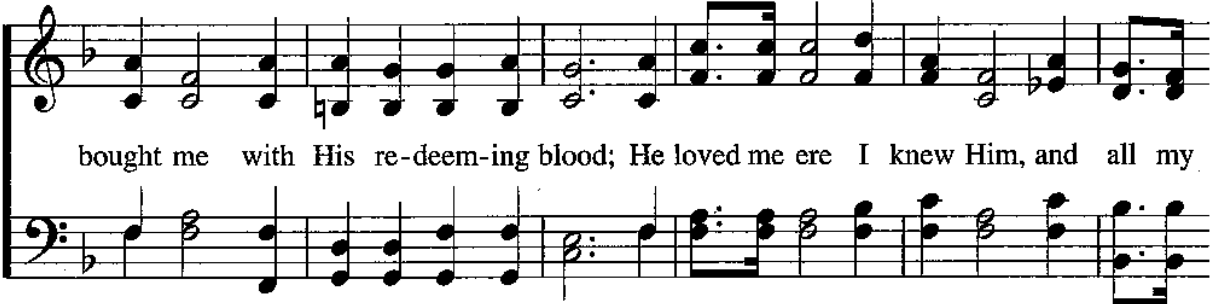
Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
 And some - how Je - sus came and brought to me the vic - to - ry.
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

(CHORUS on NEXT PAGE)

Chorus



O vic-to-ry in Je-sus, my Sav-ior for - ev-er! He sought me and



bought me with His re-deem-ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my



love is due Him. He plunged me to vic-to-ry be-neath the cleans-ing flood.

Lift High the Cross

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George William Kitchin (1827–1912)

John 1:29–34; Rom. 5:6–11; 6:3–8; Rev. 7:9–17; 22:1–5

Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.

Refrain, in unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim; Let

all a - dore and praise that sa - cred name.

Last time, end

Stanzas, in harmony

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
 3 O Christ, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
 4 Set up your throne, that earth's de - spair may cease, be -
 5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ the Child of God.
 on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain