A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
The Second Sunday of Easter  

April 16, 2023  
*All who are able may stand. 
Bold type spoken by the congregation  

8:30 and 11:00 am  

GATHERING. . .  

The Prelude  
Risen is the Holy Christ  
J.S. Bach, freely arr. by S. Saxton  

The Welcome and Announcements  
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  

The Introit  
Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!  

*The Call To Worship  
Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed!  
Blessed are those who have not seen 
and yet have come to believe.  

By God's great mercy, we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  

The Prayer of Adoration  
Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison, we give all thanks and praise to you. We glorify your name in all the earth. We thank you that you have vanquished the power of death and set us free from fear. As we bow before you in Easter's wonder, help us rise to follow you all our days. Amen.  

*The Hymn 233  
The Day of Resurrection  
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.  

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, 
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, 
his own “All hail!” and hearing may raise the victor strain.  

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, 
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.  

*The Prayer of Confession  
Merciful God, we come before you to confess our human frailty and the frailty of our faith. We doubt your power to overturn the powers and principalities of evil and death. We doubt each other, too, though you call us to unity and trust. We prefer our certainties to your mysteries. We trust what our eyes can see rather trusting in the glorious vision you reveal. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts once again, and walk by faith. Amen.  

*Assurance of Pardon  
Beloved people of God, believe the good news: Christ came to set us free.  
We are God's forgiven people, raised to new life, extending grace to all!  

*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  

*The Peace and Greeting  
The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!  
(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 15:1-11

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 111

The Anthem: I Am Sending You

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with those words, He said to them, "Receive the Holy One: Forgive them of their sins and lead them to the risen Son!"

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

How shall they believe in whom they've not heard? How shall they call upon His name? How shall they preach unless you go there and share in Jesus’ Name?

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Go ye therefore to the world and tell them of Good News! Teach them to do as I command and know I'm there with you!

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide, the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of Your Name,
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 . . .

. . . Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion

The Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*The Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. REFRAIN

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

arr. Humphrey Turner

The flowers on the pulpit are given by Tracey Rembisz to the Glory of God.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: Wendy Whalen, Eric Snader
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

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