

ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER 2023 | 7:00 & 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; All liturgy & hymns are from the red hymnal)
L=Leader / C=Congregation

HE is  RISEN

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here but has risen!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

+HYMN # 367 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P - Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C - Amen.

P - Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word, you claim us as

daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C - Amen.

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

+ KYRIE pg. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 "This is the feast..."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of mercy,

C: we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43 ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS - Praise Team

"Celebrate Jesus" (9:00 a.m.)

"Come to the Cross"

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 24

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

+All (sung response): Praise to you, O Christ

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (9:00 a.m.)

directed by Diane Dangerfield

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #376 *Thine Is the Glory*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR EASTER MORNING

We believe in the God who brought immortality to life
in the gospel of Christ Jesus.

We believe in the Christ who brought faith in a loving
Creator to life in the gospel of resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who brought hope in ourselves
to life in the gospel of boundless renewal.

We believe in grace that is stronger than evil,
in mercy that is larger than suffering,
and in joy that is greater than death.

Christ is risen! *Christ is risen indeed!*

OFFERING - "By His Wounds" Praise Team (9:00 a.m.)

OFFERTORY - #182 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

OFFERING PRAYER: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

+**The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 144

+**Words of Institution**

+ **The Lord's Prayer** pg. 145 (right hand column)

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: #380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of race, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.

C: Amen

+**HYMN #365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!