

Worship Bulletin
April 12, 2020
Easter Morning
We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

*Call to Worship:

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Let all the earth resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
(verse 1)

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the powers of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.

I give thanks to the you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Holy and mighty God, your Son’s triumph over sin and death has opened forever the gate of eternal life. Save us, we pray, when we are in distress, pressed to the point of falling. Let the joy of your salvation respond through your church and in our lives and let the whole creation reflect the brilliant light of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

Cross Reflections

Julie Aanes

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection
(verses 1 & 2)

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(verse 1)

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