

✠ THE ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

Easter April 20, 2025 + 10:30 AM

**PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P and of ✠ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.

C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**SOLO** An Easter Carol by Gordon Young

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!

C **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess before You that our Easter faith is meager; we have not acted decisively in sharing Your love. Our forgiveness for others is tepid. We fail to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**

P Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

#### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P The Lord be with you.**  
**C And also with you.**

**P Let us pray.** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT** *Isaiah 65:17–25*

(God re-creates all things new! — the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

**L This is the Word of the Lord.**  
**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

(In the end, the kingdom of God will rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

**L This is the Word of the Lord.**  
**C Thanks be to God.**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:1–12*

(The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive! Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Lord Jesus Christ Redeemer”

**1 O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer,  
We extol Your precious name;  
Yesterday, today, forever—  
Your great love remains the same!  
Long before the world’s foundation  
You as Lord, the great I am,  
Planned to bear the cross and save us,  
As God’s sacrificial Lamb.**

**2 You are worthy, ever reigning  
As the risen King of kings!  
“Blessing, honor, glory, power . . .”  
All creation ever sings!  
Gladly now we join that chorus,  
Awed by what our ransom cost,  
Praising You, our great Good Shepherd,  
Who would seek and save the lost.**

**3 You are Alpha and Omega,  
First and last, the start and end,  
One who was, who is, and will be,  
Yet You deign to be our friend!  
Living Water, Your great mercy  
Is a boundless reservoir,  
So that all whose souls are thirsty  
Drink of You and thirst no more.**

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## **SERMON**

**CREED**      *The Second Article*

**P**      Together, we boldly confess the Second Article:

**C**      **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**HYMN #477, v 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**1      Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.**

**P**      We confess:

**C**      **He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**HYMN #477, v 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

**2      Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**SOLO**

*"In Christ Alone"  
by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend*

## OFFERTORY HYMN #633, vv 1-2

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His Body for the feast--  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

## PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**P Lift up your hearts.**

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS HYMN #633, v 3

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of the heavens and earth—made new! Your mercy is woven into the very words of Scripture and into the lives of the saints who confess Your holy name, and unrelentingly take hold of the resurrection as temporal and eternal truth. Grant that Your life-giving Word and Spirit invade our minds, our speech, and our hearts, that we may be credible witnesses of divine truth—Jesus alone was crucified, died, and raised to new life. By faith we claim this resurrection as our very own! That resurrection will usher us into eternity that we may share in the marriage feast of the Lamb that will have no ending. To You alone, O Father of all creation, Son of resurrection, and Spirit of joy, be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI HYMN #633, v 4**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN #633, v 8**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days;  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, risen Savior, that You have made all things new through Your resurrection. In this Holy Sacrament Your body and blood nourish us with forgiveness and increase our faith. In this Meal we join all the saints who have prophesied, witnessed, and proclaimed resurrection. Grant that this feast enjoins us to all things new in this time and eternity. Shaped by resurrection hope, joy, and life, grant that we boldly love one another through You, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus' resurrection!  
The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.  
The Lord guarantee you every dimension of eternal joy, hope, and new life.

**C Amen.**

## **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **HYMN #465**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

**1        Now all the vault of heaven resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds,  
“Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah”;  
sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
“Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!”  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2        Eternal is the gift He brings;  
Wherefore our heart with rapture sings,  
“Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!”  
Now doth he comes and give us life;  
Now doth His presence still all strife  
Through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**3        Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above,  
that we conquer through thy triumph,  
grant grace sufficient for life’s day,  
that by our lives we ever say,  
“Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!”  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**4        Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heavenly blessed sing,  
“Christ hath triumphed! hallelujah!”  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
thine the glory never ending!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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