

# THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

## EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016 10:15 A.M.

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### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Christ Arose!"

Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer and Preparation

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

\* Call to Worship:

Matthew 28:1-7

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\* Hymn of Procession: PH 388

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

\* Prayer on Resurrection Day:

**We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn: Bulletin pages 5-6

"See, What a Morning"

SEE, WHAT A MORNING

## WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS FOR US

The Resurrection Means: Forgiveness of Sins

Romans 4:3, 23–25

Hymn: PH 396

“Low in the Grave Christ Lay”

CHRIST AROSE

The Resurrection Means: Life

Romans 6:3–11

Choral Anthem: “Because He Lives, Amen”

arr. Hogan

The Resurrection Means: Hope

I Thessalonians 4:13–18

Prayer: Confession of Forgiveness, Life and Hope

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

John 1:4–5

\* Hymn: PH 389

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave during the hymn.]

Congregational Prayer

### THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Toccata in F Major”

Buxtehude

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Reading from the New Testament:

I Corinthians 15:19–26

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Reading from the Gospels:

John 20:1–18

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *From Grave to Glory*

Theme: If Seeing Is Believing, Should We Keep It to Ourselves?

Prayer:

**O Christ, who lived to show what life is like,  
who died to show that sin is death,  
who rose to raise us up to life eternal,  
help us to follow you and love you forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn: PH 402

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

CHURCH STREET

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

*Celtic Daily Prayer*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

\* Benediction:

Hebrews 13:20–21

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 410, v. 2

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

Crown him the Lord of life, triumphant o’er the grave,  
who rose victorious from the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high;  
he died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

\* Postlude: “Easter Hymn”

Traditional