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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

April 21, 2019

10:40 A.M.

### Easter Sunday

*\*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.  
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

#### Welcome and Announcements

CHRIST IS RISEN—HE IS RISEN INDEED! Greetings to all who gather here today in the name of our Risen Savior. Let us join with hearts and hands, bodies and spirits in worship in the joy of Jesus' resurrection. The tomb will forever remain empty. *(Please sign the attendance register and pass it along, greeting those near you. Guests, please share your address and telephone number with us.)*

### Gathering Around the Word

#### Opening Voluntary

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

“Good Christians All, Rejoice”  
Sanctuary Handbells

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light  
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

#### Call to Worship (Responsive)

Rejoice and be glad:

**This is the day that the Lord has made!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Heaven and earth will never be the same!**

Rejoice and be glad:

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

#### \*Hymn 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Easter Hymn*

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

#### \*Hymn 233

*Lancashire*

“The Day of Resurrection!”

#### \*Invitation to Discipleship

#### \*Charge and Benediction

#### \*Closing Choral Anthem

G. F. Handel

“Hallelujah!”

*(Messiah)*

Sanctuary Choir and Trumpet

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become  
the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
and He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

#### \*Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

#### \*Closing Voluntary

Robert Lau

“Festival Trumpet Tune”

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Today's Liturgy has been adapted from:  
Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen

**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.**

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Provencal Carol Tune  
arr. S. Drummond Wolff  
“Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful”  
Sanctuary Choir, Trumpet and Organ

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin!  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein.

*He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy, that hath no end.*

From death to life eternal, from earth on to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend.  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy, that hath no end. Amen!

\*Doxology Hymn 606 Old Hundredth  
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Offertory Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)  
Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day,  
Christ rose again.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You rolled away the stone from the tomb.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.  
**Still we look for the living among the dead.**  
You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful  
things!  
**Still we look for the living among the dead. Forgive us Lord,  
we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good  
news of salvation: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead.  
Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive)  
When Christ comes to reign, he will put an end to every ruler,  
every power, every authority; he will put every enemy under his feet. As  
we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the  
gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*Congregational Response Hymn 240 Refrain Alleluia No. 1  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**  
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## Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Music Ministry

Gelobt Sei Gott  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”  
Sanctuary Choir, Trumpet and Organ

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!  
Sing songs of praise along the way;  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love,  
that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia!

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Acts 10:34-43        Page 129

The Word of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

The Reverend David A. Slyter

Children’s Worship

Cathy Zellers

*Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time.  
Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.*

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

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Cantor: John Fields

Anonymous melody  
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

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Second Reading  
John 20:1-8

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Sermon

The Reverend Ashley Drake Mertz

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 248

*Hymn To Joy*

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**