

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praeludium in C Major* Dieterich Buxtehude

THE RESURRECTION John 20:1-18 (NT pg. 108)

CHORAL INTROIT *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!* Tanzanian melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

That morning, Peter and the other disciple raced toward the empty tomb. . .

Christ is risen!

They looked inside and saw the linen wrappings lying there.

Christ is risen!

Two angels were sitting where Jesus' body had been.

Christ is risen!

Why are you weeping?

Whom are you looking for?

Why have you come today?

We seek the Risen One. We seek the Resurrection.

Come then. Let us worship God together, for Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* HS No. 18

CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God,

**we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection,
but are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life,
but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.**

Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

Call us back to your ways, O God,

to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

SILENT PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* No. 572
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE Tune: Easter Hymn

**Hymns of praise now let us sing; Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GOD'S WORD TO US

THE EPISTLE LESSON Roman 6:3-11 (NT pg. 146)

ANTHEM *Come, Ye Faithful* R. S. Thatcher

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 3:32-33, 36-41 (NT pg. 112)

SERMON *Awake My Soul* Ken Henry

*HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* No. 106

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

Let Your Alleluias Rise!

Jonathan Willcocks

*PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

No. 591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal, page 16)

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Elevation

James Woodman

Heavens Sing with Gladness

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 can separate us from your great love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

No. 108

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Day of Peace

Hubert H. Perry

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J. S. Bach
arr. Guilmant

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 16, 2017 – 8:30 A.M.



Christ is Risen!

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