



Welcome

Easter Celebration Services

Order of Worship

April 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude

Virgin Tutto Amor

Durante

Introit

Easter Acclamation

Allen

Call to Worship

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen from the dead. He is risen.

He is risen indeed.

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

***Hymn #118**

The Day of Resurrection!

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sin. Cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults and finding in you our refuge and strength.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lift Thine Eyes (From Elijah Op. 70)* Mendelssohn

***Hymn #592** *The Doxology*

*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

*Choral Response

Anthem *Great Our Joy!* Raney

Scripture Reading **Psalm 113**

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives; what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!
2. He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives, to plead for me above;
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives, to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name; He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"

And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

Conversation Starters: What?

"And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?'

And they stood still, looking sad." (Luke 24:17)

*Affirmation of Faith:

1 Corinthians 15:1-7, Revelation 1:8

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn #123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Charge and Benediction

***Closing Response**

He Lives

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

***Postlude**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

Handel

*Please stand if able.

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