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Order for Worship
Easter Sunday
The Day of Resurrection

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, see the tomb where Jesus was laid.

Come, touch the stone that is rolled away.

Come, hear the story of our risen Lord.

Come, worship God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

HYMN – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

2. Hymns of praise then 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!

3. But the pains which He endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured; Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky He's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise our God, our heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are indifferent to the cries of the oppressed,
and do not heed your call to live in peace.
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 abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Is it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Startle us, O God, with the truth of your word
and open our hearts and minds to receive
your wondrous love this day.

Speak your word to us;
silence within us any voice but your own,
and be with us now as we turn our attention,
our minds and hearts to your holy word.
We pray in Christ’s name. AMEN

FIRST LESSON – Mark 16:1-8

SECOND LESSON – Revelation 1:9-20

SERMON “Resurrection Anyway” The Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling in my ear The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain:

I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling.

Refrain:

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debtors...debtors*)

OFFERING – *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, or the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal;
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God,
you have done great things for us,
and holy is your name.
You have conquered death
and raised Jesus from the grave.
Bless all that we offer you –
our selves, our time, and our possessions –
that through us your grace and favor
may be made known to all the work,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Risen Lord. AMEN

HYMN – *The Strife is O'er*

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary
From death's dread sting Your servants free,
That we may live eternally. Alleluia!
Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.



Coptic icon of the Resurrection

Today's Worship Service Participants are:

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor
The Rev. Bill Beck
Arthur Thompson, organ
Kari Kornish, vocal
Joe Shane, camera

The flowers are given to the Greater Glory God and in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.