

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

***HYMN NO. 238**

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Apr 9 — Resurrection of the Lord)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Priscilla Henderson

Assisting Elders: Priscilla Henderson, Shari Downing, Nancy Bolen, Tom Parker

Serving Next Sunday (Apr 16)

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*Those who are able, please stand.



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April 9, 2023—Resurrection of the Lord

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind. The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

All: *This is the day that our God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

One: God opens to us the gates of righteousness. We enter to give thanks to our God.

All: *We give thanks, for our God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.*

One: Set your mind on things that are above. Look up and welcome Christ's appearing.

All: *We have been raised with Christ. Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day. Let us worship God!*

***HYMN NO. 232**

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, the message of Easter has come again before we were ready to receive it. The Palm Sunday parade demanded very little of us. We could join in the hosannas. But the betrayal and denial, the suffering and shame, the agony and death, have left us fearful and shaken. We have become enemies of Jesus without intending to be disloyal. We have left him in the tomb, lest he upset our daily lives. The Jesus of long ago seems more comfortable to us than the Christ who is risen today in our midst. We confess our reluctance to let Christ claim us and change us. O God, we need forgiveness! *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God raised Jesus from death. Disciples who had deserted Jesus felt the embrace of forgiveness. The spirit of Christ has come among us today, claiming us for our new life together. God wants to forgive us. God intends that we move from death to life. All of us are invited to share in the promise of the Easter season. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

“New Beginnings”

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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