

# Service of Worship

Easter

April 21, 2019 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

## -- Ready for the Worship--

Musical Prelude

by Eliot

### “Easter Prelude on ‘Victory’”

Choral Beginning

#### “Joy Dawned”

*Joy dawned! Joy dawned! Joy dawned on Easter Day!  
Christ rose! Christ rose! Christ took our sins away!  
Bells chime! Bells chime! Bells in the tower ring!  
Alleluia! All Christians join to sing!*

Refrain: *Joy dawned! Joy dawned! Christ rose! Christ rose!  
Bells chime! Bells Chime! Christians sing Alleluia!*

*Jesus! Jesus! Jesus is ris'n again!  
Jesus! Jesus! Jesus forgives our sins!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God above!*

*Praise God! Praise God! Praise to the God of love!*

Refrain

The Light of God Enters

Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: Sing the glad songs; God is creating a day of newness and joy.

**People: This is the day of salvation.**

Leader: Christ has been raised from the dead.

**People: The one who was rejected assures us that we are accepted and beloved by God.**

Leader: In Christ, all shall be made alive.

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 232

## “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession

**Dazzling God, we are blinded to your majesty. We have taken for granted the amazing wonder of life, without seeing you as the source of all things. We resist the changes we know we must make to receive new life. Save us from the calamity of our selfish ways. Rescue us from**

**all hurtful and destructive habits. Forgive our broken promises, heal our broken relationships, lift our broken spirits, so we may share in the resurrection of Christ.**

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Acclamation

Easter Chant - *sung by the Choir*

by Young

### “Alleluia, Christ is Risen!”

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 245

## “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

## -- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

Musical Offering

by Besig

### “An Easter Fanfare”

*People of God, rejoice and sing, lift up your voices and let them ring.  
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! He is risen our Savior and King!  
People of God, rejoice and believe, this is the day He sets us free;  
Sing alleluia, Sing alleluia! Jesus, the Savior is risen indeed!  
The strife is o’r, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia, Alleluia!...  
People of God, rejoice in praise, we have His Son to show us the way.  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia! Jesus, our Savior is risen today!  
Jesus is risen today!*

Prayer for Understanding

New Testament Lesson (page 129)

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel Lesson (page 89)

Luke 23:50-24:12

Reflection

“Oh, Good News”

Musical Offering

by Williams

## “The Tomb Is Empty!”

*Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia. He is risen from the grave. Alleluia....  
The tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away. Victory is complete.  
The Lord is risen, risen as He said, now death has met defeat.  
Come sing a joyful hosanna. Come sing a glad amen.  
Come and sing unto the Lord. Let the joy begin.  
The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. Let the glory resound.  
The Lord is risen, risen as He said. Behold the linen shroud.  
Come sing a joyful hosanna...*

*Easter people lift your voice! Sing a glad alleluia!  
Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ our Heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save.  
Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave. Alleluia, Amen!*

**-- Responding to the Word --**

Prayers of the People  
Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*) Hymnal Pg. 35  
Offertory arranged by Curry  
**"The Day of Resurrection"**  
\*Doxology Hymnal No. 606  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*Hymn Insert  
**"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"**  
\*Blessing  
\*Easter Chant - *sung with Congregation* Insert  
**"Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"**  
\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World  
Postlude by Handel  
**Excerpts from "The Hallelujah Chorus"**

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## ***What do you do with an empty tomb?***

Participants in today's service: Sandra Auken (acolyte), Children's Choirs (choral beginning), Kelsey Kieselhorst (worship leader), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Senior Choir (acclamation and musical offerings), Jen Henning & Kathy Zakarian (Deacons), Phillip Beck (trumpeter), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Next week's reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: "*Peace Be with You.*"

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