



Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

Digital Worship Service

April 12th, 2020 10:15 AM

You are encouraged to read the passages in bold type and sing the hymns with us.

Welcome

Prelude arranged by Line

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Gathering Hymn

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

To the tune of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Easter people raise your voices,

Sounds of heaven in earth should ring!

Christ has brought us Heaven's choices,

Heavenly music, let it ring!

Alleluia, alleluia; Easter people let us sing.

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2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song.

Alleluia, alleluia; See the power of heavenly throngs.

Alleluia, alleluia; See the power of heavenly throngs.

Call to Worship

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Call to Confession

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about

your will, and afraid in the face of danger, Like Mary, we wept at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us take a moment of silence to reflect upon God's grace...

Declaration of Forgiveness

Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Response

“Thank You, Lord”

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul.

Thank you, Lord, for making me whole.

Thank you, Lord, for giving to me thy great salvation so rich and free.

Children's Sermon

Special Music

“Morning Has Broken”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 16

New Testament Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

“The Worst Story Ever Told”

Blessing

Hymn

“I Am the Resurrection”

Refrain: I am the resurrection and the life;

He who believes in Me will never die

I am the resurrection and the life;

He who believes in Me will live (will live) a new life

1. I have come to bring the truth, I have come to bring you life.

If you believe then you shall live. *Refrain*

2. In My word all men will come to know
It is love which makes the spirit grow
If you believe then you shall live. *Refrain*
3. Keep in mind the things that I have said
Remember Me in the breaking of the bread
If you believe then you shall live. *Refrain*

Postlude

by Powell

“Easter Fanfare”

Questions to take with you

- What piece of music will stay with you this week?
- What scripture passage is especially meaningful to you today?
- What things are you afraid of?
- How does Christ’s resurrection mean new life to you?

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