

Order of Worship for 4/20/25 Palm Sunday

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* Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

Hallelu, Hallelu

PRELUDE Bells In My Heart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

This is the good news we tell to all the world: Christ is risen!

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluig!

OPENING PRAYER

Glory to you, O God: you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever, Amen.

*OPENING 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!

*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 the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. 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 life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, **We are forgiven.**

*HYMN #2026 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 10:34-43

New Testament page 129

HANDBELL CHOIR When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord New Testament page 90

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. TJ Shirley

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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.

*HYMN #122 Thine is the Glory

1 Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

3 No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above. [Refrain]

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Great Day

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

To the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

And so we sing with all the saints on earth and all the angels in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest...

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal p. 16

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION (Gluten-free elements provided on stand in front.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

1 Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits From the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, Not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven Nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation Where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Behold the Empty Tomb

Liturgical resources from Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion and Book of Common Worship (2018).

