

Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship for Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th 2025

11:00am

God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence

The Prayer of Preparation *(for individual use before worship)*

Almighty God, who raised Your Son Jesus from the grave: fill us with joy that in His death, sin and death have been defeated, and in His rising, we will live with You forever. Amen.

The Chiming of the Hour and Call to Worship

People of God, lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord!**

Jesus Christ is risen today! **Alleluia!**

The stone of death is rolled away! **Alleluia!**

Where, O grave is now your victory? **Where, O death, is now your sting?**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Glory to You, Lord Jesus!**

***The Processional Hymn** #232 *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*

The Words of Welcome and the Prayer of Adoration

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, **one God now and forever.**
Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson *1 Corinthians 15 (selections)*

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God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us

The Confession of Our Sins

O Lord Jesus Christ, in dying You destroyed our death, and rising You restored our life: we have reason for joy unceasing! But we confess that we linger in darkness, we stick to old paths, we cling to grudges, and choose fear instead of hope. O Lord, forgive our doubts and drive out our sins: as You were raised from the dead and now reign on high, pour out Your Holy Spirit and raise new hearts within us to follow You not with fear but with gladness and singleness of heart...*(continue in silent confession)*

The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness *from Romans 8:33-34*

"Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ: and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us." I declare to you in the name of the risen Christ: in Christ, you are forgiven! In Christ, you have peace with God!

In Christ, we are forgiven! In Christ, we are made new! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

The Choral Anthem and Congregational Response *"In Christ Alone"*

***The Affirmation of Our Christian Faith** *The Apostles Creed (on pew card)*

The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

***The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology (on pew card)*

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God Speaks His Promises in His Word

The Second Scripture Lesson *John 20:1-18*

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The Sermon *"He is Risen Indeed!"*

***The Hymn of Response** #240 *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God Sends Us Forth in Loving Service and Witness

***The Closing Hymn** #233 *"The Day of Resurrection" (v. 1-2)*

***The Benediction**

***The Congregational Benediction** #233 *"The Day of Resurrection" (v. 3)*

Now let the heavens be joy-ful; let earth its song be-gin; the round world keep high tri-umph and all that is there-in. Let all things seen and un-seen their notes of glad-ness blend, for Christ the Lord is ris-en, our joy that has no end.