

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
March 27, 2016 at Eight Forty-five and Eleven o'clock  
Easter Day

*Everyone is welcome at West End! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability. We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

**GATHERING**

Voluntary: Saraband for the Morning of Easter..... Herbert Howells

Introit: Easter Introit.....Richard Proulx  
Alleluia! The stone which the builders rejected has become the  
cornerstone. Alleluia!

† Processional Hymn No. 302..... Easter Hymn, arr. Johnson  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**(Interlude)**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

**(Interlude)**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

† Easter Proclamation

Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**  
Liturgist: *Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!*  
People: **Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!**

Greeting..... Erin Racine

Liturgist: *Today we celebrate Christ's triumph over death.*

People: **Let us embrace the day with joy.**

Liturgist: *Today, we give thanks for the grace of Christ.*

People: **Let us receive the gift of grace with gratitude.**

Liturgist: *Today, we rest in the hope of Christ's resurrection.*

People: **Let us welcome the assurance of life beyond life.**

Call to Confession

Easter Collect (*in unison*)

**Holy God, Immortal One,  
we confess that we look for life  
among things that are dead.**

**Pursuing empty pleasures,  
desiring impermanent happiness,  
our hearts and minds lead us ever to the grave.**

**Let our life-stealing desires  
die within us, so that we might  
give ourselves to your work,  
take joy in your truth.**

**Give us grace to participate  
in the miracle of resurrection,  
so we may feel your word  
breathing life within us.**

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Voluntary: O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing! ..... arr. Gramann

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

**Resurrecting God, open our hearts to your Holy Word  
so that we may truly understand; and understanding,  
that we may believe; and believing, that we may follow  
Jesus Christ in all faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.**

† Lesson from the Gospel: Luke 24:1-12..... (pew Bible, pages 860)

† Response to the Lessons

Liturgist: *Great is the mystery of the Gospel.*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† Hymn No. 304: Easter People, Raise Your Voices.....Regent Square

**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.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to  
triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

**Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Sermon: Can Life Really Come Out of Death? .....Michael Williams

† Affirmation of Faith from I Corinthians and Colossians (*in unison*)

**This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
Christ died for our sins, was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,  
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.  
Amen.**

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Nancy Hawthorne

Salutation

Liturgist: *The Lord be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Liturgist: *Let us pray.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem: Cantate Domino .....David Ashley White  
 Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth.  
 Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news  
 of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the  
 nations and his wonders among all peoples. For great is the  
 Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than  
 all gods. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! Ascribe to  
 the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord  
 honor and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his  
 name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Oh, worship  
 the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble  
 before him. Sing a song to the Lord from day to day!  
 (Psalm 96: 1-4 & 6-9)

† Doxology ..... No. 94  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise God, all creatures here below:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SENDING FORTH**

† Recessional Hymn No. 327: Crown Him with Many Crowns.....Diademata

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
 Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
 all music but its own.  
 Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
 and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
 who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
 and all be prayer and praise.  
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
 fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
 those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
 thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: *Hallelujah Chorus* from Messiah .....G. F. Handel

Voluntary: *Toccata* from Fifth Organ Symphony ..... Charles-Marie Widor

† The congregation is invited to stand.

Head Ushers  
 John Nance (8:45) – Barbara Cragg (11:00)

Music Participants: The Chancel Choir and Joy Ringers. Minister of Music  
 Matthew Phelps is director. Associate Minister of Music Andrew Risinger is  
 organist. Brass quartet: Paul Epp, Jeff Kitchens, Paul Jenkins, and Roy Agee.

Today's liturgy was written by Jayme Yeo.

The altar flowers this Easter morning are given to the glory of God  
 and in memory of Burton Wilkerson Rice, his mother, Helen Wilkerson Rice,  
 and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burton Wilkerson,  
 by Judith, William and Elizabeth Rice.

March 27, 2016 – Easter  
 “Can Life Really Come Out of Death?”

**Luke 24:1-12**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the  
 tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the  
 stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did  
 not find the body. While they were perplexed about this,  
 suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The  
 women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but  
 the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the  
 dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you,  
 while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed  
 over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”  
 Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb,  
 they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary  
 Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other  
 women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words  
 seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But  
 Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw  
 the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at  
 what had happened.

*Alleluia*



**HE IS RISEN**



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