

## GATHERING

Voluntary: Prelude on Easter Hymn .....Robert Powell

Introit: Sing for Joy, O Heavens.....Hal Hopson  
Sing for joy, O Heavens; sing for joy, O Earth, for the Lord has risen,  
the Lord has triumphed. Alleluia!

† Easter Proclamation  
Liturgist: *Christ is risen!*  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

† Processional Hymn No. 302 ..... Easter Hymn  
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!**

**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!**

† Call to Worship.....Brandon Baxter  
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*)  
**God of Hope,  
on this day when we gather in spirit  
to celebrate the joy of Easter,  
we acknowledge the depth of our stubbornness and fear.  
Forgive us for the ways we have obstructed the power of love  
in the face of darkness and despair.  
Forgive us for the times  
we have failed to tell the good news  
in the face of diminishing hope.  
Free us of our sin and shame  
that we might proclaim with boldness that Christ is Risen,  
that death has been defeated,  
and that we have new life through Christ.**

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance  
Liturgist: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet  
sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of  
Jesus Christ you are forgiven!*  
People: **In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**  
All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace  
Liturgist: *As a forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.*  
People: **And also with you.**

Anthem: Credo (From Missa Brevis in B-Flat).....F. J. Haydn  
I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ the Only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father  
before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of True God.  
Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.

By whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven. And became incarnate by the  
Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made Man.

He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according  
to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right  
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets.  
And one holy, catholic (universal) and Apostolic Church. I confess  
one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I await the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Easter 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: Matthew 28: 1-10

† 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: Go to Galilee.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*) ..... The Apostles' Creed

Joys & Concerns of the Church.....Erin Racine

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: Easter Anthem .....William Billings  
The Lord is ris'n indeed,  
Hallelujah.  
Now is Christ risen from the dead,  
and become the first fruits of them that slept.  
Hallelujah.  
And did He rise?  
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.  
He rose, He burst the bars of death,  
He burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave.  
Then I rose,  
then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,  
and seiz'd eternal youth.  
Man, all immortal hail, hail,  
Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,  
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

† 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. 303: The Day of Resurrection.....Lancashire  
† Benediction  
† Benediction Response: Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*.....G. F. Handel  
Voluntary: Toccata from *Fifth Organ Symphony*.....Charles-Marie Widor  
† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

*Livestream and video recording happen during our church services  
and worship events.*

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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.

The flower cross on the West Lawn is given to the glory of God by the members  
of the Cornerstone class and ministries of our church to celebrate the risen Lord  
who gives us life.



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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 everyone:  
every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic and family status,  
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We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!*

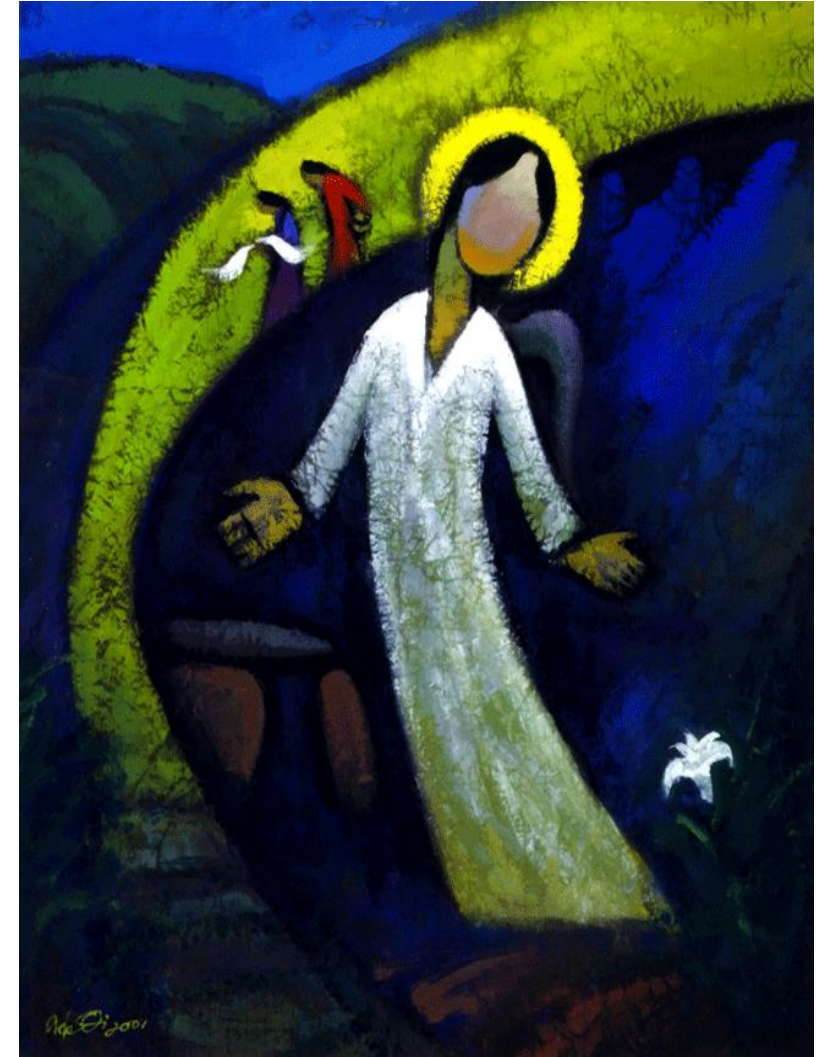
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Music Participants: The Chamber Choir. Minister of Music Matthew Phelps is  
organist-director. Andrew Risinger is organist and accompanist.

*Alleluia*



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ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
April 12, 2020  
Easter Sunday