# Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

# Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude Jesus Has Risen as He Said

Thine Is the Glory

Peterson Scott

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Preparation for Worship** (Time for Silent Preparation)

**Choral Call to Worship** 

Choir/Orchestra

Resurrection Hymn - See What a Morning"

by Getty and Townend

Invocation

Susan Obenschain

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**∮** Hymn 228

Rejoice, the Lord is King

# Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

**Prayer of Confession** (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found:

God forgive.

When we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

When we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

God forgive.

When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it: **God forgive.** 

In the bright light of Easter morning, O God, our sin is exposed, and your grace is revealed.

Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus, the risen one.

Amen.

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### Susan Obenschain

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."
"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

# Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

## **Offering**

## Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

**Invitation** As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling

sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory "Easter Song" with "Hear the Bells Ringing"

and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" by Herring

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Hymn 217 Christ, the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)

Almighty God, you have given us everything. Not only did you create us, but you provide for our every need. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

#### Your love endures forever.

When we turned away from you, you reached down to us. You lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

#### Your love endures forever.

You are with us always. You watch over our coming and our going. Your Holy Spirit guides us and leads us every step of our lives. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

#### Your love endures forever.

For your abundant grace we give you thanks. Gratefully we offer the gifts you first gave us. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good.

#### Your love endures forever.

Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. **Amen.** 

## <u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-10

**28** After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.' Listen, I have told you."

<sup>8</sup> So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples the news. <sup>9</sup> Just then Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They came up, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Sermon

"With Fear and Great Joy" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

∰ Hymn 213

Because He Lives

Profession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

Creator of Heaven and earth
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

# **Prayers of the People**

(Congregational Response)

Pastor: So, we pray: All: O Lord of Glory

# <u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

# ∯ Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no schemes of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

# Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Barb Finch and Dan Obenschain

Ŷ Postlude Rejoice! Be Glad! Kendall

## **Choir**

Soprano: Adrienne Boyance, Kelly Fox, Robin Miller

Alto: Mary Adams, Janet Cambell, Donna Jackman, Bernie Hughes, Sandy Dulaney

Tenor: Dan Baker, Mike Lenz, Greg Mauer, Jim Pomager

Bass: Pat Adams, Jim Denman

## **Orchestra**

Piano: Linda Gyrath

Keyboard: Thomas Alberici

Flute: Bob Carpency

Oboe: Isabella Frias

Clarinet: Cindy Hoopes

Director: Pamela Johnson