



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 28th

PRELUDE

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

arr. Paul Manz

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

C: Rejoice at Christ’s victory over death.

P: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

C: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

P: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

C: Our Lord has kept all God’s promises!

P: This is the day that the LORD has made,;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

P: As we prepare for our time of confession, let us lift our voices together in song, asking God for His grace and mercy.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE “O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us.

Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.

P: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: Risen Redeemer,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Conquering King,

C: Have mercy upon us.

P: Victorious Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Your peace.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Alleluia, Christ Has Risen”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [ESV]

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 5:21-29 [ESV]

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossian 1:15-20*

R: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, 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 image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.

HYMN “This Body in the Grave We Lay”

SERMON “RESURRECTION”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

arr. Michael Helman

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Piano

arr. Mark Hayes

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Piano

arr. Larry Shackley

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BENEDICTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Fanfare in A-Flat”

Organ

Robert Wetzler



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