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April 17, 2022, 11:15 am



Easter Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Centering Music

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: He appeared to Mary Magdalen, and to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

P: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Let us pray: **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 318). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today (123)*

Call to Confession

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confessions to God:

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Response

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. (repeat)

The Peace

Anthem *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* by Stan Pethel

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Scripture Acts 10:34-43 ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Hymn *I Danced in the Morning (302)*

Gospel Reading 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. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The 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. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering Prayer

L: In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us pray:

P: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need. Help us to use our gifts of money, time and talents to shape the world in your image. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus (all): *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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Communion of the People

Chorus (all): *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not hunger*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Communion

Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Sent Out in Jesus' Name (2184) 2x*

+Charge

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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+Benediction

+Stand as you are able

HYMNS

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced with the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
In Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John, they came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky went black, it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I and the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you, if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Refrain

Sent Out in Jesus' Name (2x)

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now, to make the earth a place of justice and of peace.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now, to make the earth a place of justice and of peace.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace
The job is ours to do, to set it really free, O help us to obey,
And carry out your will.