

Call to Worship

Come, celebrate the Good News!

The stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** "Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!"

MV #121

Prayer of Approach

Living God, we lift our hearts in praise.

**We thank you for the joy and mystery
of Christ's resurrection.**

We are in awe of your love, which is greater than death.

**Help us rejoice and celebrate this day
as your Easter people. Raise us to new life
of joyful worship and service to you.**

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

VU #837 Parts 1,2, & 3

***Hymn** “This Is the Day That God Has Made” VU #175 v. 1

All God’s Children

***Hymn** “This Is the Day That God Has Made” VU #175 v. 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Easter is a celebration of new life. Our offering each week helps to plant seeds of new life in our church, community and around the world. On this Easter Sunday, let us celebrate the new life given to us through Jesus’ mysterious presence with us. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** “Grant Us, God, the Grace” VU #540

***Offertory Prayer**

**You are the beginning and end,
the one who was, and is, and is to come.
We stand in awe of your mystery and of your faithfulness.
Strengthen our faithfulness in generosity,
so that we may continue to change the world
according to you will.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

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.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Communion Hymn**

“One Bread, One Body”

VU #467

Invitation

Wisdom had built her house:
she has hewn seven pillars,
she has prepared the meal;
she has set her table and sent out her servants.
She calls from the highest places in the town:
“Come, eat of my bread,
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside foolishness and live;
walk in the way of insight.”

Call to give thanks

May God be with us.
God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanks Giving

We give you thanks, God,
on this morning, this Easter, this resurrection day.
We give thanks and celebrate, with joy,
the risen and living Christ in our midst.

Today new life is breaking into the world,
like dandelions pushing through cement,
like sunlight into the deepest cave.
Today the hope of the world shines everywhere.

Today the fruit and grain that sprang unaided
from the hard ground is shaped into bread and wine
for our community, for our communion.

Today, God, you give again what
you have always given from the beginning:
life, that great mystery
that can never be contained.

Therefore, no matter where we have been
or where we find ourselves today
we are bold to gather as
a sacred community called by you.

Raising our voice in song we are bold to sing:

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Heaven and earth praise you,
O God most high!**

We remember Jesus gathered
with his closest friends
to share a simple meal.
Bread and wine became
infused with new life;
taking ordinary things
make extraordinary in their new use.

We take this simple bread
and as it is broken we think of Jesus' words:
"Take, eat and remember me."

We take this simple cup
and as it is lifted up we think of Jesus' words:
"Take, drink and remember me."

God, this is food for the hungry and drink for the thirsty.
In the great day to come
every creature in the whole creation
will have enough. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

The bread that we break
is our sharing in the life of Christ.
The cup for which we give thanks
is our sharing in the life of Christ

Sharing the Bread. Sharing the Cup

Come, for all things are now ready.

Prayer after Communion

**You give us bread for new life,
wine for celebration,
each other for community
and yourself for joy.
We offer our thanks and praise
of the new life given and shared. Amen.**

Hymn "I Danced in the Morning"

VU #352

***Benediction**

Go out with joy this Easter morning! May the hope and power of
this holy day strengthen you. Let your alleluias ring forth!
Alleluia! Amen!

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.