

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 20, 2025 The Resurrection of Our Lord—The First Sunday in Eastertide 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Welcome, Happy Morning!

A.S. Sullivan

INTROIT

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17)

Leader: We give You thanks, O LORD, for You are good;

People: Your steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: You, O LORD, are our strength and our might;

People: You have become our salvation.

Leader: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

People: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

Leader: The right hand of the LORD is exalted.”

People: We shall not die, but we shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

*HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deliver us, O Lord. For, by Your power, Christ has been raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, Who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

Jesu, Joy - My Joy Forever
Chancel Choir and Strings

J. S. Bach

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"Remember How He Told You"

Dr. Curtis Christian

*HYMN #105

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

--Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through Him, and all were created for Him. He is before all else that is. In Him, everything continues in being.

He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, so that He may be first in everything.

It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in Him, and, by means of Him, to reconcile everything in His person, both on earth and in heaven, making peace through the blood of His cross.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

O FILI ET FILIAE

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord of Life is Risen Today!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.

Welcome to our String Quartet!

Sila Darville, violin ~ Iiana Thacker, violin ~

Qahtan Ahmed, viola ~ Luke Darville, cello