

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 1, 2018 The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Hallelujah, Christ Arose!
(Based on *Christ Arose* by Robert Lowry)

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

INTROIT

'Tis the Spring of Souls Today

ST. KEVIN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 118:19-24)

Leader: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

People: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD;

People: The righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected,

People: Has become the chief corner stone.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN #123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God: You brought from the grave our Lord Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace. We have not always believed Your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. We have not listened to the glad tidings of His victory over death, and we have refused to be comforted. Now in penitence we come to You asking Your forgiveness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and grant us strength to live as followers of Jesus Christ. In His 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

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH INSERT

I Am the Resurrection

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* M. Schweizer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Of First Importance”

Rev. Christian

*HYMN #119

The Strife Is O'er
verses 1 and 2

VICTORY

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

EASTER HYMN

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #105

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia! Now We Cry

ST. KEVIN

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today’s Lay Reader is Lolly Hissom.

Welcome to Karin Sehmman, horn!