



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST

Easter Sunday
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude *Come, Thou Almighty King* Arr. Jeff Anderson
Organ & Brass Quintet ©2003 AnderKamp Music Publishing

Welcome

Introit *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Arr. Donald Moore
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† **Opening Music** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302
Verses 1-4
Procession of the Christ Candle (8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.)
Procession of the Flower Cross (10:00 a.m.)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

He Is Lord

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12 (CEB)

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Acts 10:34-43 (CEB)

Peter said, "I really am learning that God doesn't show partiality to one group of people over another. Rather, in every nation, whoever worships him and does what is right is acceptable to him. This is the message of peace he sent to the Israelites by proclaiming the good news through Jesus Christ: He is Lord of all! You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism John preached. You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did, both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and allowed him to be seen, not by everyone but by us. We are witnesses whom God chose beforehand, who ate and drank with him after God raised him from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. Shelton Ridge Love
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Message

From Darkness to Light

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Heaven Arise in My Soul
Chancel Choir, Lisa Corpron, Solo

Davis Lantz
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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Confession, Assurance, and Peace

All: Holy One, we are tired and a little terrified. We do not understand the confusing world around us. It is easier to live in the darkness than to walk toward the light. Forgive us. Open our eyes to see your presence among us. Open our hearts to perceive the risen Christ walking toward us. Fill our hearts with amazement, wonder, and hope. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, we are witnesses to the resurrection story. As witnesses, may we find hope in Christ and be assured of God's grace and steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† **Closing Song**

Thine Be the Glory

G. F. Handel
Arr. J. Marty Cope
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1. Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love,
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above

Refrain

Thine be the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

† **Benediction**

Postlude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

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10:00 a.m. Liturgist: Chelsea Carter

Organist: Jenny Lai

8:30am Ushers: Cindy and Don Rushing, Peter McCreight

10:00am Ushers: Cindy Rushing, Leigh Kramer, Ann Davis, and Ann Gonsalves

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