

Easter Sunday
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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Gathering Music** 

Come, Thou Almighty King Organ and Brass Arr by Jeff Anderson ©2003 AnderKamp Music Publishing

#### Call to Worship

One: The tomb is dark, but empty.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness!

One: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome death!

One: The burial clothes are put aside.

All: The one you are looking for is alive!

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!

#### Welcome

## † Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (vs. 1-4)

**UMH 302** 

- 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!

Procession of the Christ Candle (8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.) Procession of the Flower Cross (10:00 a.m.)

#### **Blessing for Children**

## Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

#### **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 tresspasses, 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

Mark 16:1-8 (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.

## Scriptural Response

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem Thine Be the Glory UMH 308

Chancel Choir, Brass and Congregation

Choir and Congregation

 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory hou 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.

Choir only

 Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our 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.

Choir and Congregation

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.

Message Resurrection Rev. Bob Rhodes

# WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Offertory

Invitation to the Offering

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

David Lantz III ©2005 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**UMH 94** 

## **Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forgotten you. But faith is never easy. It requires every ounce of who we are. Forgive us, God, for all the things that we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds that have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships, in circumstances, in life. Prepare our lives to be of service to you so that we can join in making the world a better place, so

that we can participate in making the world just and whole. We long for your presence and your healing touch to guide and sustain us. Amen.

One: God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving

power of God in your lives, for it is given freely. 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 Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

**UMH 303** 

- The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
   From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.
- 2. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and lis-tning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3. Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

† Benediction

**Postlude** 

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**Liturgist:** 8:30 a.m. Lisa Corpron

10 a.m. Evan Crowder

Organist: Bob Wuertz
Pianist: Rebecca Cosford

Christ Candle: 8:30 a.m. Cyrus Ebrahimi

10:00 a.m. Rosie Crowder

Flower Cross: 10:00 a.m. Mike Gray, Paul Crowder

Brass: Les Samenow, Richard Radosh, Margo Reford, Nathan Fellhauer, Scott Miller

**Ushers:** 8:30 a.m. Ann Davis, Janet Lind

10:00 a.m. Cindy Rushing, Gail Chatfield, Ann Gonsalves, Leigh Kramer

**Tech Team:** AJ Prat, Cam Rhodes