

## Order of Public Worship of God

The Ninth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

*Easter Sunday*

### PRELUDE

“... why did the people close to Jesus go on talking about him, (as more than) a remarkable but tragic memory. The obvious answer is that Jesus was raised from the dead. It is the only reason why his life and words possessed any relevance two weeks, let alone two millennia, after his death.”

- N. T. Wright

“Even Jesus’ definitive Bible study on the road to Emmaus does not produce understanding and recognition in the disciples. The moment of recognition comes only as they sit at the table and Jesus breaks bread with them... We come to understand Scripture only as we participate in the shared life of the community, enacted in meals shared at a table... The figural disclosive reading that the gospels teach occurs rightly in a community of discipleship and table fellowship. It is not an exercise that can be confined to libraries and lecture halls; it draws us to become participants in the story that we read and narrate anew.”

- Richard B. Hays, *Reading Backwards*



### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God,**  
**Who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ**  
**overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:**  
**Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection,**  
**may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### † HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Christ, the Lord, is ris’n today, Alleluia!**  
**Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!**  
**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**  
**Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!**  
**Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!**  
**Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!**  
**Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!**  
**Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!**  
**Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!**  
**Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!**  
**Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!**  
**Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!**  
**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

### † PROPHETIC LESSON OF HOPE | Ezekiel 37:13-14

### † CALL TO WORSHIP | I Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

### † HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne!**  
**Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.**  
**Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,**  
**And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity!**

**Crown him the Lord of Love! Behold his hands and side,**  
**Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.**  
**All hail redeemer hail, for thou hast died for me;**  
**Thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity!**

**Crown him the Lord of Life, who triumphed o’er the grave**  
**And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save!**  
**His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,**  
**Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!**

“In Christ Alone”

**In Christ alone, my hope is found;**  
**He is my light, my strength, my song.**  
**This Cornerstone, this solid ground,**  
**firm thru’ the fiercest drought and storm.**  
**What heights of love, what depths of peace,**  
**When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,**  
**My Comforter, my All in All,**  
**here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,**  
**fullness of God in helpless babe.**  
**This gift of love and righteousness,**  
**scorned by the ones He came to save.**  
**‘Til on that cross as Jesus died,**  
**the wrath of God was satisfied,**  
**For ev’ry sin on Him was laid,**  
**here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,**  
**Light of the world by darkness slain.**  
**Then bursting forth in glorious day,**  
**up from the grave He rose again!**  
**And as He stands in victory,**  
**sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,**  
**For I am His and He is mine,**  
**bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,**  
**this is the power of Christ in me.**  
**From life’s first cry to final breath,**  
**Jesus commands my destiny.**  
**No power of hell, no scheme of man,**  
**can ever pluck me from His hand**  
**‘Til He returns or calls me home,**  
**here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.**

### INVOCATION AND 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 debts**  
**as we forgive our debtors,**

**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory forever.**  
**Amen.**

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### † CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**  
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**born of the virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried.**  
**he descended into Hell.**  
**The third day He rose again from the dead**  
**He ascended into heaven**  
**and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**  
**From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost,**  
**the holy catholic church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and life everlasting. Amen.**

### † DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### † GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms. Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families before communion.*

### READING OF GOD’S WORD | Luke 24:13-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON | Series: Heaven Is Local

Sermon: “The Road to Emmaus”

- Rev. James M. Holland

### PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### SILENT CONFESSION

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**We are thankful that your mercy is**  
**higher than the heavens,**  
**wider than our wanderings,**  
**deeper than all our sin.**  
**Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,**  
**our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,**  
**our envy of those who have more than we have,**

our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.  
Help us to change our way of life  
so that we may desire what is good,  
love what you love,  
and do what you command,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Psalm 103:8; 13

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*How do we take communion here at St. Patrick's?*

*As the ushers come past your row, please come to the front, take one piece of bread and one cup of wine or juice. Consume these immediately and dispose of your cups in the receptacle on the side as you return to your seat. Each table serves both wine and grape juice, and all of our bread is gluten-free.*

*Who comes to the Table?*

*Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.*

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | “Worship Christ the Risen King”

**Rise, O Church, and lift your voices; Christ has conquered death and hell!**  
Sing as all the earth rejoices: Resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him; empty now its mouth declares,  
“Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares.”  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble; see the stone removed with pow'r.  
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.  
He has conquered, He has conquered; Christ the Lord the Risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur; scoffers mock and sinners jeer.  
But the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.  
He is risen, He is risen; now receive the Risen King!

We acclaim Your life, O Jesus; now we sing Your victory!  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph; worship Christ the Risen King!

† BENEDICTION | Revelation 5:12-13

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor  
and glory and might forever and ever!  
Alleluia! He is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.  
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)  
immediately following the service to pray with you.*

Today's Easter Lilies are Given to the Glory of God



In Memory of David Schooley  
Given by His Loving Family

In Loving Memory of Sarah Spiotta Peppel, our sister and Aunt Sarah  
Given by Kirk, Whitney, Trace, Celia, and Kirk Heffernan

In Memory of Jan Jeffrey and Jan Perry  
Given by all of your friends

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs Allen Carpenter  
Given by the Chaney Family

In Memory of Tommy and Sue Johnson  
Given by Aden, Suzanne, and Harper Wheeler

In Memory of Bill Stanley and Leon & Martha Ann Robinson  
Given by Porter and Alexa Robinson

In Memory of Jean M. Backus  
Given by John Backus and Family

In Honor of Blanche Nunn Hamilton and in Memory of Walter Scott,  
Anne's parents  
Given by Anne, Alexander, and Rosamond Calderwood

In Memory of Marilyn Orendorff  
Given by Henry and Marsha Nall

In Memory of Virginia “Gigi” McFall  
Given by Lana Daina, Amy Henson & Family, Mandy Parker & Family,  
and Tammy Mensi & Family

In Memory Sam Daina  
Given by Lana Daina, Amy Henson & Family, and Mandy Parker & Family

In Memory of William “Bill” Bartges  
Given by the Bartges Family

In Memory of our “Poppy,” Michael L. Reid  
Given by Josh Smith and Family

In Memory of Nan Hee “Ruth” Hanson  
Given by the Weir Family

In Honor of my 90 year old grandmother, Ninnie  
Given by Stephen Powell and Candace Thompson-Powell

In Memory of Bob Barlow  
Given by Tim and Denise Barlow

In Honor of Joanna and Michael Castle Miller  
Given by Darrell and Joan Castle

In Memory of Sara Smith, beloved mother and grandmother  
Given by the Pillow Family

In Honor of Wallace and Patsy Madewell  
Given by Patti, Teri, and Lori



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