

Order of Worship

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The Lord's Day • Easter Sunday

Worship Notes

...making our worship more meaningful & understandable

If you are visiting Cherry Creek today, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this beautiful Easter morning.

The Entrance of the Word comes out of the Scottish Presbyterian tradition. In the days when mass printing was scarce, a large book, such as a Bible, was expensive and valuable. The Scots developed an office known as the "Beadle" who would be in charge of ensuring the book's safety. The procession of the Scriptures became part of the opening ceremonies of worship for the Beadle. The ritual reminds us that the written word reveals to us the Living Word, Jesus Christ—the only mediator between God and humanity (1 Tim 2:5). Apart from Christ, approaching the Father in worship would be in vain.

The unveiling of the cross. This unveiling reminds us of several things that happened on that first Easter day. First, the darkness hanging over humanity due to our sin was lifted as Christ's death and resurrection freed us from sin, death, and hell. Second, the mourning of Good Friday turned to joy when His followers realized the "Amazing Grace" of Easter. Third, we see in the symbol of female dancers that the first people to arrive at the tomb were not some or all of Jesus' twelve disciples. Rather, the first to the tomb were the women closest to Jesus.

God Gathers Us

Prelude - Brass Quartet

Welcome & Prayer

Bagpipe Voluntary & Entrance of the Word

Amazing Grace - NEW BRITAIN

Easter Introit & Unveiling of the Cross

Hymn for Easter Day - John Ness Beck

Why weepst thou? Whom seekest thou?
He is not here, for He is risen! Alleluia.

We Celebrate the Easter Story

Processional Hymn no. 288

Christ the Lord is Risen Today - EASTER HYMN

Easter Acclamation - *(from 1 Corinthians 15)*

Christ Our Passover - Dirksen

Song of Praise

This is Amazing Grace - Wickham

We Give Ourselves to God

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Joy

Anthem

The Day of Resurrection - arr. Love

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Praise

King of Kings - Hillsong

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-12 (pages 1902 in pew Bible)

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks Be to God!**

Series: This Thing Called Love

Message: All In

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response - *At each refrain, join in ringing your bells!*

#310 Thine is the Glory - Words: Budry; Music: Handel

Proclamation of Hope

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

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Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Benediction

Postlude - Toccata from Symphony V - Charles Marie Widor

Prayer for Easter

Living God, through Jesus Christ you emptied the power of death and gave us the gift of life in fullness.

Now dry our tears and send us out to tell the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. (Presbyterian Mission Prayer)

“Alleluia” is not just some random, “Christian-ese,” nonsensical word. It’s actually the Latin derivation of the Hebrew word we also use: “Hallelujah.” In Hebrew, often subjects, verbs, and objects are formed in a compound word like this one. “Hallelu” comes from the verb meaning, “to praise.” “Jah” is often how Hebrews would abbreviate the name of God, “Yahweh.” (This is why so many biblical figures have names ending in “jah” or “iah,” by the way!) The net effect is a command or exclamation which means “Praise the Lord!” Simple, right? Yet how often do we forget the simple things and merely go through the motions? Today, as you hear “alleluias” and as you proclaim and sing them yourself, own up to the word’s meaning, and offer to God the best of your praise!

Assisting in Worship Patrick Tillery, Steve Dombrowski, Noah Lambert, Paul Naslund, brass quartet; Scott Beach, bagpipes; Isabelle Baumann, Anna Cevaal, Alison Kenney, Danielle Kenney, dancers; Sanctuary Choir; Worship Band; David Knopp & Media Team; Usher Team

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