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Come and Worship the Lord

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather together, let us declare:

People: Christ has been raised from the dead.

Leader: Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia!

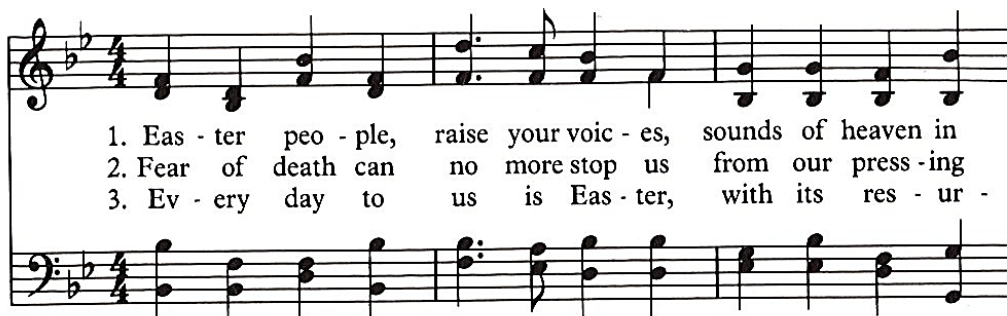
Prelude

Pastorale

Alfred Lefebure-Wely

Hymn

Easter People, Raise Your Voices




1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -



earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er



heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heaven - ly throngs.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Majesty

Maj - es - ty, worship his maj - es - ty; un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,

king - dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from his throne un - to his own;

his an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty,

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

Senior Choir

Every Morning Is Easter Morning

Avery/Marsh

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Psalms 118:1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.
With the Lord on my side I do not fear.
What can mortals do to me?

The Lord is on my side to help me;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in mortals.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to put confidence in princes.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

God Really Loves Us

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

There Is a Redeemer

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Christ Is Risen

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e -
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er -
brate this day of days. Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der;
cav - erns of des - pair. Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing.
more shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre - a - tion

all cre - a - tion is a - mazed. In the de - sert all - sur -
See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of res - ur -
where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de - mon - ic

round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown. Heal - ing leaves of
rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend; Je - sus is our
cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!" God the First and

grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

Benediction

Postlude

Two Festive Marches on "Thine Is the Glory"

G. F. Handel

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