

The United Methodist Church at Absecon

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Come and Worship the Lord

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **Easter people, raise your voices! Sounds of heaven in earth should ring!**

Leader: The Easter message is meant to go far beyond the empty tomb. For Easter people, the Easter message is for every time and place!

People: **After the walk to Emmaus, Christ is revealed at the communion table! Lord, reveal yourself to us at this communion table!**

Prelude

Prelude on "Holy Manna"

Peter Pindar Stearns

Hymn

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain
 Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;

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Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. We thank you for the things that lift us up, and we give to you the things that weigh us down. As we each walk through our own journeys, we know that you are with us and calling us to live as Easter people. Equip us, strengthen us and then send us! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

My Tribute

To God be the glory, to God be the glory
To God be the glory, for the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory, for the things He has done

Senior Choir

The Morning Trumpet

Benjamin Franklin White

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how

our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message *Jesus Appears on the Walk to Emmaus*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Benediction

Alexander Schreiner

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!

A Service of Word and Table

*Please see the Communion Liturgy on **page 7** of this document.*

Communion Anthem

If We Truly Believe

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

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz

Trumpet – Jeremiah Paton

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A Service of Word and Table

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*All people are invited to this table. There are no requirements.
Your ticket has already been purchased! This is a gift from
God for ALL people. We invite you to come.*



This Service of Word and Table was adapted by Reverend Dave Ledford using the liturgy found in The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), and music by Mark A. Miller found in "The Faith We Sing" (2001).

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

WORDS: From *The United Methodist Hymnal* (Isa. 6:3; Matt. 21:9)

MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

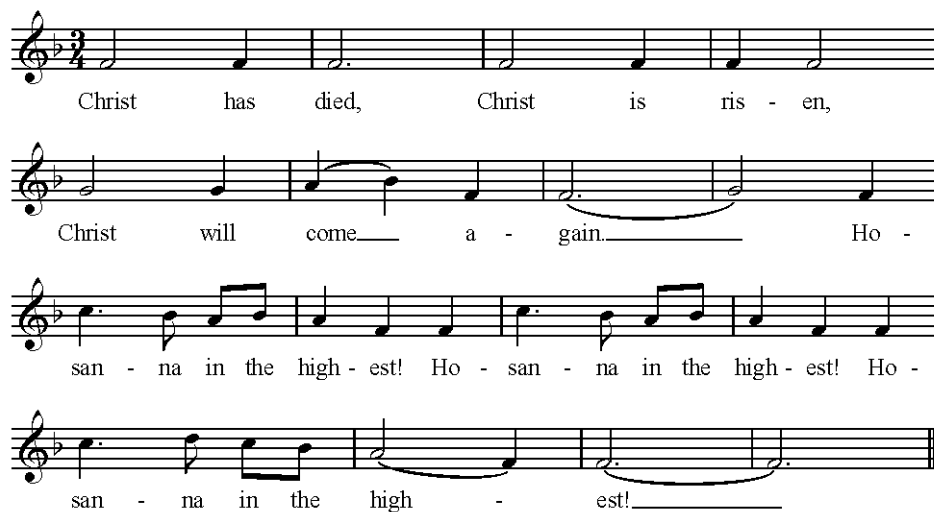
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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup