

Easter Service for April 21, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” -arr. C. Dobrinski
(*Handbell Choir, Trumpet and Organ*)

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #286 “This Is the Day”

- CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear! Hello, Lord, Hello, sun!
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!

**All: Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day is resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

One: Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.
Get it straight from the Easter People! God is in charge spread the word!

**All: Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day is resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

One: Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!
I belong to the Easter People! Life is exciting to me!

Women: Every morning is Easter morning.

Men: Every day is Resurrection Day.

All: Every Morning is Easter Morning from now on!

- GATHERING HYMN #216 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

- PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

Living God, like a tomb’s darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER

- THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

- GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #41 (*Sung by all triumphantly*)
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.
Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halleluja. Halleluja.
(*Repeat as necessary*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

INTERLUDE "Walk With Me" (*Sung by all*)
(*No Sunday School today, children may return to their seats.*)
Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.
(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*Hymnal page 758*)
Isaiah 65:17-25 (*page 696*)
Second Reading: **Luke 24:1-12** (*page 90*)
Acts 10:34-43 (*page 129*)

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Anthem for Resurrection" -arr. J. Althouse
(*Brianna Schroeder, Trumpet*)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

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.

• HYMN OF THE DAY #222 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY "The Strife Is O'er" -arr. A. Sherman (*Handbell Choir*)

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)
Mighty God receive our tithes, our gifts, and our offerings. Though they pale in comparison to what you have done for us in the life and death of your Son, we pray that through the power of your Holy Spirit, these gifts will be multiplied many times; we pray that your Realm will come one step closer on this earth. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #234 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah -G. F. Handel

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” -arr. M. McDonald

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly. Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

A Note on the Call To Worship

Today’s call to worship is taken from Lyrics to the song “Every Morning is Easter Morning.” For many years Rev. Lois Buchholz would offer this song as a solo in worship either on Easter or during the Easter season. As we rejoice in Lois’ new ministry with our sister church in Osseo, WI, we share these words in a new way this morning.

*A special thanks to Brianna Schroeder for playing the trumpet
for us this morning!*

Psalm 118:1-4, 14-17, 21-24

Martin Rinkart; tr. Catherine Winkworth
Johann Crüger; harm. Felix Mendelssohn

RESPONSE

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voice - es.

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- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever." R
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my might;
the LORD has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD. R
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R