

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

*An Easter Celebration*  
*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*  
Victoria Provost, soprano

arr. Rayney  
Handel

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

Jon Frost

CHORAL INTROIT

*An Easter Symphony*

arr. Raush

*Joy dawns again on Easter Day, the sun shines out with brighter ray. Alleluia! All praise, O risen Lord, we give to Thee, who now again dost live; all praise. Alleluia. And God is All our own!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels. Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King is risen!*

**People: Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King.**

*Leader: Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O Church, Exult in glory!*

**People: The Risen Savior shines upon us! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.**

*Leader: Christ is Risen!*

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

HYMN (please stand if able)

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Easter Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jennie Clark

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of death. We overlook the poor and the hungry; we pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us Lord. Help us trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, through Jesus Christ the Risen Lord...*(time to offer silent prayers of confession.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.*

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

EASTER RESPONSE (please stand if able) *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

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APOSTLES' CREED (please stand if able)

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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

## CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

Ann Hatfield

.....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.

OFFERTORY *See Him Rise ! Alleluia!* (Alex Krenz, baritone)

D. Wagner

**Refrain:** *See Him rise! Alleluia! Triumphant over sin! See Him rise! Alleluia! Messiah lives again! Let adoration's anthem resound across the skies. Look to the morning, see Him rise!*

*All creation is silent at the dawn of Easter Day. Wrapped in simple linen, Jesus' broken body lay. Then, in a moment He opened His eyes, as God the Father calls Christ to arise! (Refrain)*

*No more the sting of death, no more the pow'r of sin. Shout your praise, grateful voices raise, God's Son lives again! (Refrain)*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (please stand if able)

All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(from the PCUSA Mission Yearbook)

Holy God, as You sow seeds within our hearts, let us also reap love throughout the world by supporting those who need our help and serving others as Jesus did. Bless this offering and our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing so, as You have shown us Your love, these gifts and our lives will show that love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen. (*please be seated*)

FIRST LESSON

John 11: 17-27; 38-44

(Pew Bible pg. 873)

HYMN (please stand if able)

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Diademata

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:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 16: 1-8

(Pew Bible pg. 829)

*Pastor: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"He Doesn't Like Tombs...."*

Don Lincoln

HYMN (please stand if able)

*Lift High the Cross*

Crucifer

*(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

*Pastor: Christ is Risen!*

**People: He is Risen, indeed!**

POSTLUDE

*Toccatà from "Fifth Symphony"*

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