

Celebration of Worship

April 24, 2011 CELEBRATION OF EASTER 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

* *If you are able, please stand.*

+++ Arriving worshipers may be seated.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The tomb is empty, and the promise of new life is Here! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Death is no more. New life is among us. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

Easter Alleluia

John Carter

The Combined Choirs

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Sing alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is victor o'er the grave; Christ arose, the world to save. Let us proclaim our Savior's name; Now let us sing Alleluia!

BRASS, ORGAN, AND PERCUSSION VOLUNTARY

Fanfare in C

David Johnson

**HYMN 123*

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 hath 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 His love, Alleluia!**

**Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation.

Exultation and victory resound among God's people.

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right of the Lord is exalted!

We shall not die, but live, and declare God's mighty deeds.

ANTHEM

Worthy Is Christ

John Leavitt

The Combined Choirs

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our god. Alleluia, amen!

EASTER PRAYER

The Reverend Cynthia J. Alloway

Lord, you are our strength and our might; you have become our salvation. Alleluia! We praise you, living God. We who were dead have been raised with Christ and we seek the things that are above, where Christ is. We do so imperfectly, Lord--bearing wounds of our own, hindered by doubt and dear, unsure where to look for you, still tempted to sin. The prophets testify that everyone who believes in you receives forgiveness of sins through your name. This day we rejoice in the pardon and hope you give to us. Dry our tears, O God. Speak to us a word that reveals your presence. Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them, giving thanks and praise to you. Amen.

**EASTER ACCLAMATION 119*

The Strife Is O'er

Victory

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!**

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The powers of death have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!**

Refrain

**The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

Refrain

**Lord, by your wounds on Calvary,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live, eternally. Alleluia!**

Refrain

*FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
(Old Testament, pg. 534)*

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

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

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (9:15 and 11:00)

Alexandra Mead

ANTHEM

*At the Name of Jesus
The Chancel Choir*

René Clausen

Christ Jesus being in the form of God, emptied himself, being in the form of a servant, in human likeness, Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death, even death on the cross, Alleluia. At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, in heav'n and earth, and under the earth. At the

your Church abiding, who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing, we join in heav'nly company to sing your praise triumphantly: Lord Christ, we see your glory, Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING (from "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!")*

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia

Praise to You by both be given; Alleluia!

Every knee to You shall bow, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYERS FOR EASTER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 122*

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.***

**BENEDICTION*

BRASS, PERCUSSION, AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

Participating in today's services are:

Trumpet: Michael Russo, Thomas Siebenhuhner, Daniel Reardon

Trombone: Chris DeWilde, Gary Quam

Percussion: Paul Oster

Organ: Carol Johnson

If you received a letter about receiving an Easter lily or if you can assist the Deacons in delivering a plant to someone who cannot be here today, please speak with the Deacons in the front of the sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Thank you.

THE CHURCH STAFF

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