



Welcome and Announcements

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Lift High the Cross”
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*Call to Worship

L: God is good!

P: All the time!

L: And all the time!

P: God is good!

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Let all the people proclaim, “God’s steadfast love endures forever!”

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

L: The Lord is my strength, my song, and my salvation! Shouts of joy resound in the tents of the righteous!

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

L: The Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

P: We will not die but live. We will proclaim what the Lord has done.

L: We enter the gates of the Lord and give thanks, for this is the day the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led! Alleluia!
Following our exalted head! Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise! Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave the skies! Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!**

**King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!**



A Time to Pray

L: Sing aloud, O mothers and sons! Fathers and daughters, sisters and brothers, rejoice and exult with all your hearts! Let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings with one voice, calling out the good news —

P: The tomb stands empty!

L: We look for our Savior among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and in our midst today.

L: We pray for all faithful people — for every human soul that turns to God in longing and in love. Today and every day, pull us out of our graves and into your life.

P: The tomb stands empty.

L: We look for our Redeemer among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and among us today.

L: We pray for the nations of the earth — for those in authority, and for those under authority. Come from the four winds, O Breath of Life, and we shall live together in peace.

P: The tomb stands empty.

L: We look for our Mediator among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and within us today.

L: We pray for this world, our garden home — for the rain and the snow, the seed and the sprout — for the birthing room and the last place of rest — for every new creation.

P: The tomb stands empty.

L: We look for our Gardener among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and beside us today.

L: We pray for those who are sick or suffering — for anyone who needs extra help just now. We pray especially for those named here today, aloud and in our hearts . . .
(pause for names to be said or remembered) Living Lord, renew them in Your love.

P: The tomb stands empty.

L: We look for our Sustainer among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and with us today.

L: We pray for those who have died, and for all who mourn. We pray especially for those named here today, aloud and in our hearts . . . Eternal One, bring them home and gather them in.

P: The tomb stands empty.

L: We look for our Beloved among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and in the midst of us today.

L: With joy and exultation, we give thanks for the triumph of life over death, offering special thanks for those joys, sorrows, challenges and delights named here today, aloud and in our hearts . . . We are amazed at what has happened.

P: The tomb stands empty!

L: We look for our Creator among the living.

P: Jesus Christ is alive and in our hearts today.

L: Holy One, even before we call, you answer; while we are yet speaking, you hear. We offer up these prayers in the name of the Risen Christ — our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

Anthem

“Hymn to Joy”

Canterbury Bells

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Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-44

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation

“Great Is the Lord”

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**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true
By his mercy he proves he is love**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice!
Now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord!**

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true
By his mercy he proves he is love**

**Great are you Lord and worthy of glory
Great are you Lord and worthy of praise
Great are you Lord! I lift up my voice!
I lift up my voice! Great are you Lord!**

(repeat chorus)

**Great are You Lord!
Great are You Lord!
Great are You Lord!
Great are You Lord!**



Message

“Why and Who”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering “My Redeemer Lives”

Elizabeth Tombouliau

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the “Alleluia!” morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, “I have seen the Lord!” We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“He Lives”

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I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today

I know that he is living whatever foes may say

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer

And just the time I need him he's always near

(Chorus)

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way

He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart;

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me I see his loving care

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair

I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast

The day of his appearing will come at last *(Chorus)*

**Rejoice, rejoice O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find
None other is so loving, so good and kind (*Chorus*)**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Chancel Choir

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