

# Easter Service for April 1, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Crown Him with Many Crowns” -arr. W. Held

THE PASTORAL GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT “Festival Cantic: Worthy Is Christ” -R. Hillert

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Glory be to You,

**All: God, our Strength and our Redeemer.**

One: The vacant cross and the empty tomb vindicate your claim that the love which suffers is the love which saves.

**All: Now fill Your people with joy and your church with celebration!**

One: May the world know that your Holy Son Jesus is not a dead hero we commemorate.

**All: He is a living Lord we worship, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be our praise forever.**

• GATHERING HYMN #216 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

**All-knowing, all-loving God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to comprehend the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you, not only for life, but also for faith, hope and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole all that is broken and give peace on earth.**

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• 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.**

• A TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING    Greek – “Christos Anesti”

• PRAISE RESPONSE #41 (*Sing 3x vibrantly*)  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ia. Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ia.**  
**Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ia. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

INTERLUDE "Walk With Me" (*Sung by all*)  
(*No Sunday School today, please remain in worship!*)  
**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:	<b>Isaiah 25:6-9</b>	(page 652)
	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	(page 565)
Second Reading:	<b>John 20:1-18</b>	(page 114)
	I Corinthians 15:1-11	(page 176)

#### SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM "Jesus Christ, the Crucified" -D. Gustafson

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.**

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" -R. Avery and D. Marsh  
(*Lois Buchholz, soloist*)  
**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!**  
**Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

• 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.**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*In unison*)

**Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to be companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of Christ who calls and redeems your people through the invitation to new life. Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Hymn of Thanksgiving #111 “Santo, Santo, Santo”

**Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón teadora!**

**Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!**

**My heart knows how to say to you:**

**Holy are you, Lord!**

Sharing the Supper

Communion Solo “The Holy City” -S. Adams (*Lois Buchholz, soloist*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

**Holy One, You come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, You breathe love into every cell, You call us into communion with You and with each other, and You claim victory over death. Blessed be Your Holy Name now and forever. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #228 “The Day of Resurrection”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Thine Is the Glory” -arr. A.L. Page

**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 special thanks to Ken Gleesing and Henry Erenz for playing the trumpet for us this morning!***