

* Offertory Response # 785

**We give You but Your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Risen Christ, bless these gifts, along with our very lives.
May gifts and givers alike be dedicated to Your work
of love, hope, justice, and peace. Amen.**



We Celebrate Holy Communion

Communion Hymn # 237

In the Garden

Invitation

L: The ancient prophet Isaiah calls us...
Jesus Christ, manna of heaven, is the host of this table.

**All: Christ taught us that this is the table
where abundant provision
overwhelms our fears of scarcity.
This is the table where divine hospitality
embraces the whole body and each of its members.**

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving



We Go Forth to Serve

* Hymn of Sending # 245

The Day of Resurrection

* Benediction in Word and Song # 809

**God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet again.
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God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Easter Flourish

Gordon Young

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

We Gather To Worship

Pealing of the bells & lighting of the candles

Gathering

Wayne Wold

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Easter Acclamation

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Introit

Awake! Awake!

* Call to Worship (adapted from Acts 10:34-43)

L: Jesus walked the earth with God's message of peace, blessing all creation:

All: Abundant life for all!

L: Jesus preached God's love and justice for the poor.
He rattled the authorities with

All: Hope and healing; forgiveness and welcome!

L: Worldly powers tried to stop him: led him to a tree and crucified him;
laid him in the earth: a garden tomb. Three days in the earth, and then,

All: Like the seed which dies to live, so Jesus arose to new life!

L: And so let us celebrate the risen Christ, alive in our midst even today.

**All: May we be hands and feet,
hearts and minds of that risen Christ,
proclaiming the good news of abundant life for all.**

* Hymn of Praise # 233

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



We Share Our Life Together

Passing of the Peace (Greeting)

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

**Please stand as you are able*

Prayers of the People

Reverend Rebecca Shillingburg

Prayer of Confession (adapted from Isaiah 65:17-25)

L: Creator God, You made this day, this life, and all that is in it.
All of creation is holy and You have given it into our care
and yet we must confess:

All: Our careless actions wound and scar our earth home.

L: Forgive us, Holy One, You, who are always creating a new heaven
and a new earth!

**All: We rob and do not restore life-giving riches
of our lands and waters:**

L: Forgive us, Holy One, You who invite us to a feast of justice
on Your holy mountain!
Risen One, teach us that Your resurrection
brings new life to all creation.
Today of all days empower us with vision and courage;
let us work for Your realm in which there is justice for all;
where everyone has enough, sharing Your abundant life.

**All: Save us, God, from our mistakes.
Teach us to be a resurrection people,
rising from the ashes of our errors
to live in a new way on this Earth. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Intercession

L: Loving God, through the gift of prayer, ...
Gracious God, this is our prayer:

**All: May Your love overflow in our lives,
in Your church, and in all the world,
until all may know the compassion of Christ Jesus,
our Savior and Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Prayer Response (# 507)

**Jesus the very thought to me with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Your face to see, and in Your presence rest.**

Assurance of Blessing

L: In the Risen Christ we are forgiven,
and empowered again to be builders
of that new heaven and new earth. For that good news we say,

All: "Alleluia!"



We Hear the Word

* Hymn of Inspiration # 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 65:17-25

Gospel

Luke 23:50 – 24:12

Sermon

Rev. John Shillingburg

Anthem

Handel/Liebergen

Christ Is Arisen



We Respond to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Prayer of Our Savior

**All: 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.**

Prayer Response # 769

**Hear Our Prayer, O God, hear Our Prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

David Cherwien