

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Communion Hymn # 237

Invitation

The Communion Prayer

L: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Our Savior

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve

* Hymn of Sending # 245

* 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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Postlude

Easter Flourish

I Come to the Garden Alone

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The Day of Resurrection

Gordon Young

*NCH – New Century Hymnal

Easter

April 16, 2017

We Gather To Worship

Peeling of the bells & lighting of the candles

Gathering

Francois Dandrieu

Ye Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

* Introit

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

* Call to Worship

L: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith.

**All: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ,
but surprise us with Resurrection power
in all the places of our lives!**

L: We gather together to sing and pray the story we know by heart,
a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

**All: This story of “Alleluia” means great joy
for the One who lives and the ones who witness
to this new life in all the places of our lives.**

L: We rejoice and thank You for the life of Your son,
resurrected by the power of Your loving, vibrant Spirit.

**All: Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives,
that we may know the truth of resurrection
for the rest of our lives!**

L: We join our hearts in song and sing “Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!”
for Christ is living and so are we!

All: Alleluia indeed!

*Please stand as you are able

* Hymn of Praise # 233

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



We Share Our Life Together

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Children's Message

Brenda Blumenauer

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, we confess to You

**that while we know well the story
of Your victory over the grave,
it is not a story we always live.**

We are dragged down by all manner of death —

Fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes

for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation.

Sorrow may wall us off like a grave,

isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief.

Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed

not with the marks of death, but with the word, "Alleluia!"

So on this Easter morning,

we pray that You will fill us with "fear and great joy"

so that, like those women

who came to the tomb expecting death,

we may instead find the radiant new life

that is ever before us in Your Resurrection! Amen.

Prayer Response

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear the Word

* Hymn of Inspiration # 241

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4

Acts 10:34-43

Gospel

John 20:1-18

L: This is the word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Awake! Arise! Go Forth

Price-Besig

Sermon



We Respond to the Word

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

French Carol - Cherwien

* 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