EASTER
SUNDAY MORNING
April 21, 2019
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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!

Receive Pardon from the Risen Christ

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION........................ Dan Burns

Almighty God,  
You have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all.  
Yet, we confess that we have not bowed before Him  
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.  
You raised Jesus from the grave  
and shattered the power of sin and death.  
Yet, we confess we remain captive to fear  
and bound by the ways that lead to death.  
Forgive us and raise us from the pit,  
that we may be Your faithful people.  
Transform us, and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of abundant life  
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.  
It’s in the matchless name of our Redeemer, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.........................Romans 4:25

He was delivered over to death for our sins  
and was raised to life for our justification.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Thine Be the Glory”………………arr. J. Marty Cope

Words: Edmond Louis Baudry / Music: G.F. Handel; arr. Cope / I Corinthians 15:57

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;  
Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away.  
Kept the folded graveclothes, where Thy body lay.

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Endless is the vict’ry Thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His 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 conqu’rors, through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory! Amen!

DOXOLOGY ..................................................OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING .................................Brett Wynne

GREETINGS ....................................................Todd Erickson
Welcome to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection! We are glad you have joined us.

The resurrection is also the believers' victory cry; death is dead and life is now won.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

and him that had the power of it, and to be Lord of the living and the dead:

And everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, Second, by His power we too are already raised to a new life.

of our blessed resurrection.

Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection,

and praise this day to our Lord:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

We are blessed above all others

And His Son is our joy and comfort.

No one can gainsay or gainsay.

Hark! how the hea'ny-hymn dawns all music but its own!

rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorious.

who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

one with the Spirit through him given from yon-der glorious throne.

A wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,

To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;

and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

but downward bends his won'dring eye at my tears so bright.

who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

be thou, O Lord, through endless days adorned and magnified.

GOSPEL LESSON ............................................................. John 20:1-18

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: “Power of the Cross” . . . . . . . . . . . arr. Mark Hayes

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Hayes / II Corinthians 13:4

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev’ry bitter thought,
Ev’ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

†Congregation stands and sings words in bold print:

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the vic’try cry.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

This the pow’r of the cross: Christ was slain for us.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God – slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

Jauna Ellis, soloist
Brad Jones, piano
Calvin Ellis, director

†BENEDICTION (please lift hands)

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE: “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . G.F. Handel


Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from Symphony No. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor

Samuel Metzger, organ

†Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Clay Hancock, Steve Hancock, violin; Alex Schuettrumpf, Will Paladino, and Yiming Zhang, trumpet; Greg Lascombe, Nathan DuVall, and Martin McCain, trombone; Stewart Plumelee, timpani; John Sprout, percussion

Today, the paraments have been changed from the red of Holy Week to the white of Eastertide. On the pulpit fall is embroidered a Latin cross in gold thread. Upon the cross bloom three white letters Chi and Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. The Easter banner is also white and features the same gold cross with lilies; it bears the words “Alleluia” and “Christ is risen.” The procession is led by the processional cross. The custom of processional crosses can be traced back to the sixth century A.D. and reminds us of the sacrifice of our Savior, His redeeming love, and the promise of salvation. This cross bears at its junction the letters IHS, the first letters in the Greek name for Jesus.
I. Christ Delivers from this World
   A. Prisoner of the World

   B. An Out-of-this World Savior

II. Christ Gives Genuine Relationships
   A. No Reason to Love

   B. A Reason to Believe

III. Christ Secures a Relationship with the Father
   A. The Deepest Search

   B. The Deepest Person

   C. The Deepest Security