

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

*Liturgy*

April 1, 2018 (Resurrection of the Lord)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Easter Song*

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GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever.

**The LORD is my strength and my song;**

**He has become my salvation!**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous,  
proclaiming what the LORD has done:

**The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

**the right hand of the LORD is exalted!**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever.

**Open the gates of righteousness;**

**we shall enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

**The stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone;**

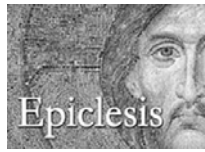
**This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!**

This is the day the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

— from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24





*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save. Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? 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!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: EASTER HYMN, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, INVOCATION AND THANKS

Calling on our Father God, in the Name of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit

Lord, open our lips;

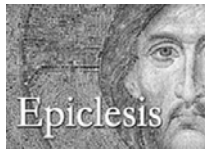
And our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

**Alleluia! The lovingkindness of the Lord is everlasting.**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Sing we to our God above;  
Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love;  
Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heavenly host;  
Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 14<sup>th</sup> century; transl. in *Lyra Davidica*; 1708 (altered);  
This verse, Charles Wesley. Hymn tune: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1817.



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

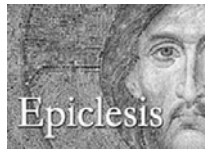
Dramatic reading: from 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 and John 20:1-18



*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (sung)

Hymns of praise, then, let us sing;  
Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King;  
Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave;  
Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save;  
Alleluia!

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His resurrection You destroyed the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we do not always live as Your redeemed covenant people.

We have not done Your will. [silence]

We have rebelled against Your love. [silence]

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. [silence]

We have not trusted in Your promises. [silence]

Forgive us, we pray.

**Grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's raising from the dead, may so die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection, walking in Your ways to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

## *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world;  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is the good news of God's salvation, the word of the Lord;

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.*

And He will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
He will swallow up death forever.



*Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of His people He will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.*

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him,  
so that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have  
waited; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation!" — Isaiah 25:6-9

**Thanks be to God!**

#### TIME OF OFFERING

Words and prayers of thanksgiving and praise

Almighty God, we wonder anew at Your goodness and steadfast love.  
**With grateful hearts, we bring Your tithes and our offerings as  
expressions of our worship and reflections of Your steadfast love.  
We come to the wonderful cross; our whole lives we lay down  
before You.**

#### *The Wonder of Your Cross*

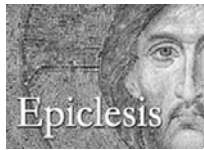
The wonder of Your cross shall be our meditation,  
To gather in that shadow as the sun went down;  
To weep with those who thought that You were leaving,  
You were leaving, Jesus;  
The humble King who never wore an earthly crown.

To steal away at night when they took down Your body,  
With love and tears to leave You in a borrowed grave;  
To go with Mary to that place they laid You,  
Where they laid You, Jesus;  
And in the morning find the stone was rolled away.

#### *Chorus*

The cross, O the wonderful cross; what glory, what vict'ry I've found;  
I'll come to the wonderful cross and my whole life I lay down.

Were heaven's praises silent in those hours of darkness?  
Your Holy Spirit brooding 'round that empty throne?  
Until the declaration, 'He is risen.' You are risen, Jesus;  
He is not dead; behold, He lives forevermore!



## THE WORD

Mark 16:1-8

John 20:1-18

## THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

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**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heav'n.  
Provide each day our daily needs;  
Forgive our sins as we forgive others' wrongs;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the power, forever and ever;  
And Thine is the glory, now and forever,  
Amen, amen, amen.

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*O Praise the Name (Anástasis)*

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet;  
My Savior on that cursèd tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears;  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone;  
Messiah still and all alone.

*Chorus*

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God,  
O praise His Name forevermore.  
For endless days we will sing Your praise,  
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

Then on the third, at break of dawn,  
The Son of Heaven rose again.  
O, trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King.

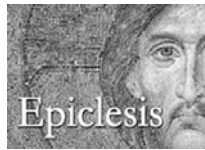
*Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white;  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

*Chorus*

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SENDING FORTH  
The Life of the Body



*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (verse 4)*

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

**Benediction:**

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord.  
Because He lives, and has triumphed over death, you also live.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us go forth from this place  
as His witnesses in the joy and power of His resurrection. And may  
His resurrection bring you all joy and perseverance so that, as you  
remember and walk out your baptisms, you may also abound in hope.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you now and  
forever, as you go forth into the world to love and serve the risen  
Christ.

**Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*A thought about worship from the ancient Fathers –*

“What sort of garland did Christ Jesus. . . submit to on behalf of humanity? One made of thorns and thistles – a symbol of our sins, produced by the soil of the flesh. However, the power of the cross removed these thorns, blunting death's every sting in the Lord's enduring head. . . . This was so that now you might be crowned with laurel, myrtle, olive, and any famous branch . . . garlands that will rival even the crown Christ obtained afterwards. For after the gall, He tasted the honeycomb. He was not greeted in heaven as the King of Glory until He had been condemned to the cross as King of the Jews. The Father first made Him a little lower than the angels for a time and then crowned Him with glory and honor. If you owe your own head to Him for these things, repay it if you can; He presented His for yours. Otherwise, don't be crowned with flowers at all; if you can't be crowned with thorns, you may never be crowned with flowers.” – Tertullian

**Lectionary for next week:** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

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