

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

Mary's Easter Day was a mixture of discovery, sadness, and awareness. With her discovery she runs quickly to tell the others. In her sadness she finds comfort among the angels. When made aware of Jesus presence she calls him "Rabbouni", teacher. Easter continues today as a time to relate the good news, to find comfort, and to confess Christ as the source of new truth.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

"Fantasia for Easter Morning" (arr. Albin C. Whitworth)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"Thine Is the Glory" #238

* Unison Prayer of Confession: O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.

* Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page 581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Matthew 28:1-10 Page 33

*Doxology Hymnal Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

8:30 a.m. Jeff Clise

11:00 a.m.

"Behold, The King Of Zion Comes"

The Adult Choir
(by Joseph Martin)

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

"I Love You, Lord" #627

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

Children's Choir

*Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" #245

Preaching of the Word: "Why Are You Weeping"

Prayer of Application

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #232

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing" (arr. Healey Willian)

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* Congregation will stand if able
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

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