

APRIL 21, 2019 | RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER SUNDAY

WORD AND SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION



*The Empty Tomb
He Qi*

CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN, INDEED!

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

For the younger ones among us:

Today, we celebrate that God loves the world and all of us. We remember and give thanks for Jesus, who showed us what God's love looks like. We celebrate that God gives us new life and love each day.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

PRELUDE IN G MAJOR

J. S. BACH

ALLEGRO FROM SONATA IN G MAJOR
JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE AND VICKI FEY, ORGAN

JOHANN H. ROMAN

RINGING OF THE BELL

FESTIVE PRAISES
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

FRED GRAMANN

(As the opening voluntaries begin, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

OPENING SENTENCES

FROM JOHN 20:1-11

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed!

✦ HYMN NO. 232

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

EASTER HYMN

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, We are hungry for your good news. We are haunted by past mistakes and the memories of things we cannot undo. Our visions for our futures are limited by our worst fears. Help us to forgive ourselves as you have forgiven us; plant your peace within us that it might consume our anxieties. Give us a vision for a global future with hope that we might join you in witnessing to abundant life you offer for us and for all . . .

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

✦ RESPONSE HYMN NO. 582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

PAUL VASILE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 27

PAGE 509, OT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

JOHN 20:11-18

PAGE 109, NT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

JESSICA PATCHETT

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦ HYMN No. 251

CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

ALLEGRO GLORIOSO
GENEVA HANDBELL CHOIR

ARNOLD SHERMAN

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise . . .

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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.)

If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.

Grape juice is offered in the silver chalices, wine in the crystal.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

IN THEE IS GLADNESS GASTOLDI, ARR. DANIEL KALLMAN

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By thee are given the joys of heaven, thou the only Savior art.

To serve thee ever, forsake thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at Central.

To make an offering with your phone, scan the QR code below or text "cpcatlanta" to 73256.



We thank the artists who created our Easter paraments and banners: Ellen Phillips for the paper-lace banners; Berta Irwin for the vestibule banners; and Beth Taylor with assistance from Berta Irwin, for the new Easter paraments.

In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised.
Jesus is giving life to the living now and ever let him be praised!
Here where they laid him, death has not stay'd him, the tomb once somber holds him no longer.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Now is the story of Easter glory, sung with glad voices the world rejoices.
Alleluia, alleluia!

EASTER CAROL

RICHARD PROULX

CHANCEL CHOIR AND JIM ZELLERS, FLUTE

On that bright joyful Easter Day the sun arose with brighter ray,
When Christ, to earthly sight made plain, the glad apostles saw again.

Refrain: Alleluia! Surrexit Christus hodie!

(Alleluia! Christ is risen today!)

His wounds to them Christ then did show, which from his risen body glow;
And they aloud declared and said: "The Lord is risen from the dead!" *Refrain*

First witnesses to Easter morn were women three who came forlorn;
Then, Magdalen did cease her sighs, when Christ she saw with joyful eyes. *Refrain*

All glory, Lord to you we pay, arisen from the dead today;
O great Creator be our guide throughout the days of Eastertide. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN No. 248

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

HYMN TO JOY

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HALLELUJAH FROM MESSIAH
CHANCEL CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA, SYMPHONIE V

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR

(Please return the Messiah scores to the narthex as you leave the sanctuary.)