

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Great God and Lord of life, sometimes we find ourselves like Thomas, needing to see and touch before we can believe. Sometimes it is hard to believe that the resurrection of Jesus Christ really happened. Forgive our doubt and slowness of heart. Help us to believe! Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful living and bold compassion. Form us in your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples filled with love, acting with justice, and living in hope.

SILENT CONFESSION . . .

. . . Amen.

KYRIE (all sing)

You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.

You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.

You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ GLORIA PATRI

#579

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.

✠ MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dismissal to Growing in God's Love (GIGL)

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:1-4

✠ HYMN OF INSPIRATION

#118

The Day of Resurrection!

(Please pass Prayer Requests to the aisle for the ushers to pick up and bring forward)

SECOND READING

John 20:1-18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

arr. Mark Hayes

Resurrection Suite

An Easter Hymn Medley

Introduction: Choir Only

Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today:

1st verse: Choir and Congregation

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Earth and heav'n in chorus say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!

2nd verse: Choir only

Were You There: Choir only



Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!: Choir and Congregation

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!

*Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.*

Postlude: Choir Only

SERMON

Rev. Mark Cooper

"Indeed!"

✠ CHORUS OF THANKSGIVING

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever

blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of

happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—All who live

In love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other,

Lift us to the joy divine.

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who brings Easter into our Good Friday worlds, who brings sunshine after rain, hope in the midst of pain and tenderly calls our name. We believe in Jesus Christ, the risen Savior, whose presence we can know and experience. We believe in the Holy Spirit—the invisible presence of God at work in our world bringing reconciliation instead of hatred, creating communities of support even in the most difficult times. We believe God is at work in the church and in us, creating centers of compassion, a fellowship of forgiveness, a gathering of grace, where joy glistens like dew on spring flowers and love flows like a mighty stream. Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Celebration

Carol Bells

Cynthia Dobrinski

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.