



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

# He is Risen. He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE Easter Hymn Ritter – Lyra Davidica

INTROIT: He Is Risen Cope

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the morning light to peer into the tomb.

**Many: We look into the tomb and see the linen wrappings lying there. The body is not there.**

One: The cloth that had been on Jesus' head is rolled up in a place by itself.

**Many: First panic, then confusion. But when they saw the wrappings empty, like a glove, they believed.**

**All: We lift our voices in gratitude, Hallelujah! Death has been swallowed up forever!**

\*OPENING HYMN #371

"Lift High the Cross"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God even as we peer into the empty tomb our minds remain clouded and we do not grasp the wonder. When we recall the ups and downs of the last week, the unspeakable suffering; the humiliation, our hearts look inward, self-absorbed. Even as we imagine how Mary's heart soared when the living Christ said to her, "Mary!" we can be dismissive or un-committal in sharing her joy. Forgive us we pray. Strengthen our faith that our hearts too may soar in ecstasy with the fulfillment of your promise of forgiveness and life everlasting.**

SILENT, PERSONAL REFLECTION

REJOICING IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Can there be any greater assurance of God's love for us than the darkness of Good Friday?

**Many: In his deepest humanity at Gethsemane, Christ was obedient even unto death.**

One: For God so loved the world that he did not withhold his Son.

**Many: For us, Jesus paid the ultimate price; for us the yoke of sin has been broken.**

**All: Thanks be to our merciful and loving God!**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE (Red Pew Bible)

NEWER TESTAMENT Acts 10:34-43 Page 957-58

CHILDREN'S CHAT

ANTHEM The Angel Rolled Away the Stone

GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10 Page 865

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON First Light Tom Buchanan, Pastor

**\*MEDITATION HYMN #119** "The Strife Is O'er"

CALL FOR GIFTS AND PLEDGES One Great Hour of Sharing

(Please put **prayer** requests (green card) or requests for a **pastoral visit** (white card) in the collection plate as it passes.)

OFFERTORY: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Handel

**\*DOXOLOGY # 592**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER ("debts, debtors")

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*CLOSING HYMN #122**

"Thine Is the Glory"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PEOPLE'S AMEN (sung)**

Traditional

**The service has ended; if you wish to leave, please do so quietly, or remain seated for the Postlude.**

POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

Handel

**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Worship Assistant is Audrey McKenzie-Wallace

Thanks to this morning's ushers Al Beaujean and Eugene Alexander

Session meets next Sunday at 11:30

OGHS will be collected for the next two Sundays.

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