

SERVICE OF THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

CHRIST IS RISEN!



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

PRELUDE *From Grieving to Dancing* (Psalm 30:11) J. McFadden
Adult Bell Choir

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Jesus no longer belongs to the past but lives in the present and is projected toward the future; Jesus is the everlasting 'today' of God.

This is how the newness of God appears to the women, the disciples, and all of us: as victory over sin, evil, and death—over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human."

—Pope Francis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end.
We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it.
But this is it:

***The dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled,
and one word describes it all: Alleluia!***

Christ is risen!

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An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended.
We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it.
But this is it:

The story has just begun; hope is newly born; the tomb is empty, and one word says it all: Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

*HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Purple, No. 232

*OPENING PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*PREPARATION Purple, No. 250, verses 1 & 2
In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have reminded us of the power of your love. Free our hearts and minds to ever recall your grace that it might grow in us a holy desire and a deep commitment that our lives and the world we make together will shine with the bright hope of the Risen Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM *God, We Praise You* Arr. E. Gwozdz
Chancel Choir

EASTER READING John 20:1-18 NT, pp. 114-115
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Whom Do You Seek?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Christ is Alive!* Purple, No. 246

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

This week in the 9 a.m. service only, children ages 3 through 5th grade will have fun learning more about Easter through games, arts & crafts, readings and more! All older children are invited to remain in worship. All children above nursery age will remain in worship during the 11 a.m. service.

All during Lent, we have been considering the questions asked in the Narrative Lectionary texts. We conclude that journey today with Jesus' question to Mary in the garden.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Glory Hallelujah!

Arr. E. Gwozdz

Chancel Choir

*Response

Purple, No. 240, refrain only, twice

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,

Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of New Hope, you have emptied the tombs of

our despair and fear and set us free. Today, we

recommit to journey together with you in offering

comfort, hope, and love to all your children. In

keeping with that commitment, we offer these gifts in

thanksgiving for your Easter promise. Alleluia and

Amen!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The God of every morning be with you.

And also with you.

People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.

People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.

On this day of joy... singing our Easter joy to you:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of the empty grave.

Glad songs of resurrection joy are offered to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of every day...we trust that mystery we call faith:

On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful; on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever; on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction.

Those in the front half of the church and choir will come forward; those in the south half of the sanctuary and balcony will go to the stations in the narthex.

The ushers will direct your row where to go.

You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Thine is the Glory* Purple, No. 238

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Organ & Brass Quartet Michael McCabe
Fanfare from Three Pieces for Ceremony

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thank you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, the Adult Bell Choir,
the Chancel Choir, the Brass Quartet

Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;
Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Brass Quartet—Katie Samayoa, Robert Alonzo, Peter Jackson, Anthony DeFrancisco

Ushers (9 a.m.)—Pat Drinkwine, Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Dennis Trautvetter

Ushers (11 a.m.)—Steve Davies, Stephanie Mitchell, Al Williams

Acolytes (9 a.m.)—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Acolytes (11 a.m.)—Shane Macris & Nathan Gregory

Our Northminster Family at Work

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