

**The Church Responds**

**\*The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (In Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People and 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.

**A Minute for Stewardship**

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #118 "The Day of Resurrection!" (Presby Hymnal)**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Postlude ~~~~~**

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church  
April 19, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

**The Introit and Time of Centering "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

Lord, I lift your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

**The Call to Worship**

Leader 1: Hear the good news of God's love.

**Leader 2: The tomb is empty!**

Leader 1: Death is dead!

**Leader 2: Christ is risen and walks among us!**

Leader 1: Let us give thanks for God's life-giving love.

**Leader 2: Let us worship the Lord of all life and true hope.**

**The Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise of you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, that dwells within us and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving grace. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. Energize our hands to serve you with joy and gladness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #122**

“Thine Is the Glory”

(Presby Hymnal)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded gravecloths Where they body lay.

*Refrain:*

*Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sin,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hast lost its sting.

*Refrain*

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

*Refrain*

**The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

**Merciful Savior, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our questions, and our hurts; you know our struggles and our sin. Still, you love us. Even when the doors to our souls are locked tight, you are with us. You confront our doubts; you quiet our fears; you surround us with your incredible grace. Lord, in your mercy, free us from all that impedes our trust in you. Open our hearts to your life-giving Spirit. Empower our faith to grow and flourish so that we may love and serve you, our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**The Assurance of Pardon**

**Musical Response**

“Gloria Patri”

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.

**The Church in Proclamation**

**The Scripture Reading**

John 20:19 - 31

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Leader: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**Special Music**

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #254**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

(Glory to God)

That Easter day with joy was bright;  
The sun shone out with fairer light  
When, to their longing eyes restored,  
The apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side,  
Where yet the glorious wounds abide,  
The tokens true which made it plain  
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield,  
Your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
In this our joyful Eastertide.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #231**

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

(Glory to God)

Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,  
As he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
Let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
All whose lives are messed and mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:  
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.