

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #262

“He Lives”

(STTL)

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain:

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

In all the world around me, I see His loving care;
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain

*The Benediction

The Postlude

~See you at Saint Andrews next week!~

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Easter Sunday

10:30 AM

Alameda Park

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

“Now the Green Blade Rises”
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”
“This Joyful Eastertide”
Keyboard: Karen Krenitsky

M. Bedford, arranger
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Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!”

Handbell Ensemble: Ashley Farrington, Dawn Grossman, Nate Grossman, and Susan Moon

The Call to Worship

Bonnie Martin

Leader: This is a day of cosmic celebration.
Come hear the awesome news.

People: **Death is dead;
The tomb is empty!**

Leader: Let heaven and earth sing songs of praise;
Let all people shout with joy!

People: **God has answered our prayers with salvation.**

Leader: Christ is alive!
Christ is risen!

People: **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

God of all ages and all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. Death does not have the final word. Christ is risen! As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, Lord rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #260 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

(Sing To The Lord)

Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and set before us the way of life. Yet we continue to follow the path of death. Ignoring your voice, spurning your love, we stubbornly seek our own will and way. Forgive us and free us, Lord. Roll away the stones that lock us in tombs of ego, insecurity, and doubt. Help us to know the joy of your abundant life, through the grace of the risen Christ. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Congregation Sings in 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 Luke 24: 1 - 12
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Congregation Sings in Response "He Is Lord"
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Message

"At Early Dawn"
Pastor Merry and Susan Race

The Hymn #261 "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living" *(STTL)*

Christ is risen, Christ is living. Dry your tears; be unafraid.
Death and darkness could not hold Him, Not the tomb in which He lay.
Do not look among the dead for One who lives forevermore.
Tell the world that Christ is risen; Make it known He goes before.

If the Lord had never risen, We'd have nothing to believe.
But His promise can be trusted: "You will live because I live."
As we share the death of Adam, So in Christ we live again.
Death has lost its sting and terror; Christ the Lord has come to reign.

Death has lost its old dominion; Let the world rejoice and shout!
Christ, the firstborn of the living, Gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God who causes Hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.

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.

The Minute for Stewardship