



April 27, 2025  
Order of Worship

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Welcome

### Prelude

*To Thee, O Risen Lord*

Riggs

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

### Call to Worship

Liturgist

L: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

**P: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.**

L: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

**P: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.**

L: Hallelujah!

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### Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. AMEN.

### Hymn

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

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### Passing the Peace of Christ

Liturgist

Let us be known as children of the Most High by sharing our love with all as we pass the peace of Christ.

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

Liturgist

Creator God,  
walking with us on the way,  
you open us and all our senses  
to knowledge and awe  
through all you have made.  
Open us now to wisdom  
in the proclaiming and hearing  
of your Word. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 24:13-35*

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table

with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn**

*Spirit Song*

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**Sermon**

*"Sunset to Sunrise*

Pastor Larry

## **Apostle's Creed**

**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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*Gloria Patri**

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**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.**

## **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Larry

## The 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 Invitation

Liturgist

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: <sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully<sup>[a]</sup> will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

## Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory*

*His Name Is Wonderful*

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*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below:***

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***

***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Liturgist

**Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts.**

**Bless them with your miraculous power,**

**that they may become mighty gifts**

**of love, justice, and peace—**

**gifts with the powers to heal our world.**

**In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

## Hymn

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

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## Benediction

Pastor Larry

## Choral Benediction

*He Lives*

***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.*

**Postlude**

*He Is Lord*

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**EASTER PEOPLE, RAISE YOUR VOICES**

*Easter people, raise your voices,  
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
Heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us  
From our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to  
Triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter,  
With its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
To our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

## **SPIRIT SONG**

*O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
And his Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life  
and make you whole.*

***Refrain:***  
***Jesus, O Jesus,***  
***Come and fill your lambs.***  
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***Come and fill your lambs.***

*O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
Give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **Refrain***

## UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

*Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

### ***Refrain:***

***Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!***

*2 Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*3 Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*