

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

L: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

P: By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death. Keep us victorious over sin.

L: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.
Guide us in the way of life eternal.

P: By your resurrection you confounded your executioners and accusers, and filled your disciples with joy. Give us joy in your service.

L: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and the apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world. Direct our lives as your new creation.

P: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive, and has become the Lord of life.

L: Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and by the Holy Spirit help us to grow as your people, toward the fullness of eternal life with you.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, through your resurrection you lifted us up, and filled us with rejoicing. Direct our lives, and increase our faith.

L: Merciful God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you deliver us from the power of death.

P: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ *Refer to Bulletin Insert*

*CLOSING HYMN *Worship Christ the Risen King* #361

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Alleulia* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Fanfare ~ Lemmens* Ken Denton, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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March 23, 2008 ~ Resurrection of the Lord

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 23, 2008

Easter ~ Resurrection of the Lord

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

This Joyful Eastertide ~ Wood

Ken Denton, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleuia

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

[Luke 24:34]

L: I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.

[Matthew 28:5b]

P: He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.

[Matthew 28:6a]

L: Glory to you, Righteous Father: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave, and giving us eternal life.

P: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ: for us, and for our salvation, you overcame death, and opened the gate to everlasting life.

L: Glory to you, Holy Spirit: you call us to faith, and lead us into the truth.

P: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Eternal Father, glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of your Son, you overcame the old order of sin and death, to make all things new in him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead, may be dead to sin, and alive to you in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior; for we pray in the name of him who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we do not claim the new life, but we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor, the hungry, and the needy, and we pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We ignore and dismiss the weak and powerless, and abuse your good creation of the earth. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#813

ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON

(No Junior Church today)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 25: 6-8 ~ Pages 605-606 in the pew Bible

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 28: 1-10 ~ Page 865 in the pew Bible

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 15: 20-22 ~ Page 1001 in the pew Bible

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Easter: The Day of Resurrection"

Rev. Frank Wyche

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Lord Has Risen

Hymnal #364

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Variations on an Easter Theme ~ Rutter

Ken Denton and Bob Moody

***DOXOLOGY**

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