

The Communion Meditation *In Remembrance of Me* Beryl Red

From Celebrate Life

In remembrance of me eat this bread, drink this wine: pray for the time when God's own will is done. Heal the sick, feed the poor and open the door to let the stranger in. Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember too that this is my body and precious life shared with you. Search for truth, always love, don't look above, but in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

*The Communion Response LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

The Closing Anthem *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
Gilbert M. Martin

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional Diane Bish, tr. D.H.C.

Toccata on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)



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In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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The Worship of God

The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Welcome to our service at Northminster Church. We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us let us enter into the realization that this hour provides us with an opportunity to encounter the Holy. At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Then, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes 10:45 a.m.

Russian Easter Overture - Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

The Procession and Resurrection of "Alleluias"

*Festival Alleluias - Charles Marie Widor, tr. D. H. Clark
("Toccata," from Symphonie V)*

(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

*The Opening Hymn No. 233

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
Many: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.
One: On Friday we thought the good news had been buried.
Many: But today we know the good news is alive and well.
One: The good news is dancing!
Many: The good news is on the loose!
One: The news is out in the world calling your name!
Many: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.
One: Let us worship our good-news God!

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer

I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.

The Voluntary Composer

The Psalter Psalm 118

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Epistle Reading Colossians 3:1-4

One: Instructions for new life in Christ.
Many: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 245 *The Day of Resurrection*
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*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark
My Lord, what a morning! Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Can you hear the trumpet sound? Now Christ is risen from the dead! Resurrection comes for all. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***The Good News Is...
Alive in All the World*** Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem "Hallelujah" from *Mount of Olives* Beethoven
Hallelujah! Unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, O bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Now proclaim his grace and glory. Hallelujah!

Dedicating Gifts to God

The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and reflection on the day's teaching, and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts, which are an important part of our worship and commitment to our church, may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

The Words of Institution

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to either partake of the common cup containing wine or you may choose to take one of the individual cups containing grape juice. If you wish to take communion using intinction (dipping the bread), please use the individual cups.

**Please rise, if able.*