

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Unison*

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

*Here each person may offer silent, personal confession.*

**Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Listen, church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #579

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6 **p. 733** / LP p. 897

ANTHEM “An Easter Celebration” Courtney

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10 **p. 33** / LP p. 41

SERMON “No Surprises, No Fuss Easter” Ken Krause

\*HYMN #106 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” ALLELUIA NO. 1

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Hymn #115

\*DOXOLOGY – #592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – *Unison*

**Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS