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EASTER SEASON

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“Love God, Serve Neighbor”

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Announcements

Easter Greeting

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Prelude *“Amazing Grace”* **Annette Nolan & Debbie Poovey**

Easter Litany

- L: In life, in death, in life beyond death,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Over powers and principalities, over nations and governments,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Above the Church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,
C: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- L: Thanks be to God.
C: **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

- L: God of love, breathe life into the Scriptures, as you brought life into your Son that first Easter morning. Help us to proclaim that we have seen the Lord, so that all the world may experience the power of your resurrection and celebrate the gift of your peace.
C: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Gospel Acclamation

"Show Us Christ"

Daniel Pietruszka

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

The Message

Song of the Day

"Day of Arising"

Pam Williams

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Risen Jesus, in the evening when the disciples were frightened behind locked doors, you came to them with words of peace. For plots and plans of death had failed; the cruelty of the world had been swallowed up in your love; and the betrayal and denial of friends had been forgiven.

Risen Jesus, when we find ourselves fearful and frightened behind locked doors, step into our lives, breathe upon us the power of your Holy Spirit, and come to us with words of peace.

A brief silence.

L: Risen Jesus, we bring those places in our world where war, violence, poverty and need are the experiences of everyday life. We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as they continue to stand against the Russian invasion even as cities crumble and people flee seeking safety and refuge. Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

L: Risen Jesus, we pray for those waiting in hospital rooms, for those sitting in prison, for those struggling to make ends meet. Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

L: Risen Jesus, we pray for those whom we know, for whom illness, frailness or bereavement have left them isolated and cut off from the joy, support, and encouragement of human encounter.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Emily Brown | ▪ Donnell Horton |
| ▪ Charles Carter | ▪ John Kivett |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler | ▪ Waylon Kuklantz |
| ▪ Dave Goff | ▪ Kevin McCoy |
| ▪ Stephanie Gonzalez | ▪ Andrew Milholland |
| ▪ Fritz Haggerson | ▪ Leo Peeler |
| ▪ Jessica Henderson | ▪ Chip Priser |

- Jesse Priser
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Shannon Roberson
- L. D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- Joshua Thrower
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Debbie Vick
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Jackson Grace, son of Dwayne Grace – died March 30
- Ray Matthews, father of Jesse Priser – died on April 5
- Karen Keys, cousin of Pastor Ward & his mom – died April 9
- Hayden Hairston, nepew of Teleah Amaker – died on April 11.

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: Hear us as we pray,

C: Come to them with words of peace.

L: Risen Jesus, by your breath of life, continue to fill us with your Holy Spirit; give us courage to open locked doors that exclude, break down barriers that separate, and bring words of peace and forgiveness to all those we encounter.

C: Amen

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

“Here Is Bread”

Pam Williams

Table Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you come to us as the Risen One, but forever bearing the marks of the Cross. You come to us: calling us out of darkness and into your marvelous light of new life; calling us out of our emptiness into your fullness; calling us out of our hopelessness and into your unending joy. Today, you come to us again: calling us to your Table to celebrate your presence with us in the breaking of the bread and in the blessing of the cup.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"You Raise Me Up"

Daniel Pietruszka

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.