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THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
April 4, 2010 8:00am

EASTER

THE PRELUDE

Joanna Bailey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L- "If we use stealth and nobody sees us, perhaps we can pull this off,"
a woman whispered, while they crept through the murk of predawn stillness.
"But there's the stone rolled across the opening, blocking our way to Him."
"Does anybody have a plan for the stone?"

(No answer)

There was silence as they approached,

And then a shriek

"Hush! Shhh! What is it?"

The stone is gone!

Oh my God!

Watch your mouth!

"It's gone, I say."

"What shall we do?"

"We've come this far, we might as well go in."

Oh!

My God!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 108 Christ is Alive vs. 1,2,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God again we come, body bowed and knee bent, with hearts full of sorrow because we're not clear about what it means to "live a Christian life". We, your repeatedly prove that we are unable to move beyond these simple words: *"love the Lord your God with all of your heart and soul and mind and strength."* And *"love your neighbor as yourself."* Help us take hold of your command to love, to

serve and be served, in your name. Perhaps it will please you to use repentant sinners to unravel our tangled up world and put to flight evil and darkness. Forgive our failings, Lord. Use us!

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Let this good news empower us to truly live the Christian life.

P- Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Floyd Hastings

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

All may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ from each other.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God from whom all good things come, grant us insight and understanding, clearness of hearing and cleanness of heart such that, forgiven and renewed, this Easter celebration becomes a faithful benchmark for the rest of our lives—no matter our age, or how far we think we have drifted from you. Amen

THE LESSON FROM THE PROPHET Isaiah 65:17-25

THE SERMON A Promise Defined

Rev. Don Smith

+HYMN 109 Christ is Risen vs. 1,2 (alternate tune)

THE SERVICE OF GIVING

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AND

M- Eternal God, from before time was measured, you have spoken and brought light to be, and being to light. In Jesus Christ, again you spoke and a saving Word dwelt among us. In Holy Spirit your Word continues to challenge and comfort us while we engage the lifelong journey toward you. Despite our waywardness and the temptation to stray, you stand by us with the love of mother and father offering correction, accepting our repentance and welcoming us again into your embrace.

P- Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to choirs of angels and to the faithful of all times and places who forever sing the glory of your name.

+THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts (repeat)
The whole earth is filled with his glory (repeat twice)
Holy is the Lord!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

UNISON PRAYER

God of unending love and immeasurable mercy, thank you for opening your table to us. Thank you for grafting us into the body of Christ and making us one with him. Help us spread the wonderful news of grace that we, who are sinners, are washed clean in the waters of our baptism and renewed through our presence in this holy place during this holy time. Help us do this in word and in deed-- to the end that one day all will know the joy we find in you: in the radical gift of your presence and the incredible gift of your promise.

+HYMN 113 Christ the Lord is Risen Today vs. 1,4

+THE CHARGE

+THE BENEDICTION

+THE POSTLUDE

