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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
April 4, 2010 11:00 am

## **EASTER**

**THE PRELUDE** Joanna Bailey

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT** Behold the Lamb Larson

**+CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 113

L- Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

P- Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L- The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

P- Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

L- He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

P- He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

ALL- Praise the Lord!

**+HYMN OF PRAISE** 155 Rejoice, the Lord is King

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

On this day of life and brightness, forgive our dread of darkness and death.

On this day of faith underscored, forgive the doubts that drive our lives.

On this day of newness, forgive our death grip on "oldness".

**SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L- *Then a cross and now an empty tomb.*

P- Life and forgiveness make all things new.

L- *So hard to believe, so difficult to fathom.*

P- Sin and death are forever banished.

L- *We have come with confidence and belief in the good news that*

P- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## **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**

Help us to hear and to understand the meaning of this holy day. Help us to emerge from this place full of joy and in our hearts, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

## **THE LESSON FROM THE PROPHET Ezekiel 37:1-14**

## **THE LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12**

## **THE SERMON Life, Death, Life**

Rev. Don Smith

## **+THE CREED**

from The Confession of 1967

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

## **+HYMN 104 Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

## **THE SERVICE OF GIVING**

Prayer of Dedication

Signing the Friendship Register

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 building Easter into our being. Help us spread the wonderful and mysterious news of grace such that we, who are sinners, are washed clean and renewed by our presence before You. 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 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

## +THE CHARGE

## +THE BENEDICTION

## +THE POSTLUDE

