

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Rejoice Alexandre Guilmant
Canzon septimi toni No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli
 from Sacrae Symphoniae arr. Robert King
This Joyful Eastertide Dale Wood
My Spirit Be Joyful Johann Sebastian Bach
 from Cantata No. 146 arr. Harry Herforth
The Women at the Tomb Dorothy J. Papadacos
Fanfare John Swann

Introit

“Alleluia. The Lord Is Risen Indeed” Iain Quinn
*Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed; come let us adore him, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Minister: *This is the good news—the grave is empty, Christ is risen!*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Minister: *This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Minister: *This is the good news—once we were no people;
now we are God’s people!*

People: **Hallelujah!**

Minister: *Let us worship our Easter God.*

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise (*unison*)

Astounding God, very early on that first day
you caught chaos by surprise! You planted grace in a garden,
set love loose in creation, and flung your joy into the air.
While we have been washing sleep from our eyes,
trying to make sense of our lives, you have been singing glad songs
to us, rolling away fear from our hearts so that we can see
our risen Lord. And we praise you, Holy One.
We praise you and we thank you for this Easter day
and for the chance to live Easter lives from now until forever! Amen.

*Hymn 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power
of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive our denial of
our mortality, our hopelessness, and our sense of captivity. Set us free
for the liberation of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives among us.
Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may feel and know in our bones the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24. Old Testament, page 534

Anthem

“Shout On” F. C. Wood; arr. Alice Parker
*I know that my Redeemer lives, glory, hallelujah! What comfort this sweet
sentence gives, glory, hallelujah! Shout on, pray on, we’re gaining ground, glory,
hallelujah! The dead’s alive and the lost is found, glory, hallelujah! He lives,
triumphant from the grave, glory, hallelujah! He lives, eternally to save, glory,
hallelujah! He lives and while he lives I’ll sing, glory, hallelujah! He lives, my
prophet, priest, and King, glory, hallelujah! He lives all glorious in the sky, glory,
hallelujah! He lives, exalted there on high, glory, hallelujah!*

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 Old Testament, page 613

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Mark 16:1-8 New Testament, page 51

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Were There: The Women at the Tomb Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 246 “Christ Is Alive!”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). Selections from Scripture
(*Book of Common Worship*)

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Amen” John Rutter

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Lord of the Dance” Traditional Shaker song; arr. David Willcocks

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*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.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

*Benediction

*Closing Response (*Please remain standing for the closing response*)

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*. George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

Postlude

Toccatà Charles-Marie Widor
from *Symphony V*

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S SERMON CONCLUDES THE SERMON SERIES "We Were There," which throughout Lent called us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross: the anointing woman, the slave with a cut-off ear, Peter, High Priest Caiaphas, Judas, the crowd, and the centurion.

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