Prayer of Thanksgiving Passing of the Peace

Hymn

"Thine Is The Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan, with Thy power and love.

Benediction

Breakfast follows in the Upper Room

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EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE March 27, 2016 | 6am

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pastor: "Christ is risen!" **People:** "He is risen indeed!"

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior For the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken; Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life, and life immortal, On this resurrection morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer By His mighty enterprise; We with Him to life eternal By His resurrection rise.

Sermon

"But in Fact..."

Dr. Todd Smedley

Hymn

"Jesus Lives and So Shall I"

Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever! He for me hath deigned to die, Lives, the bands of death to sever. He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives — I know full well Naught from Him my heart can sever, Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, Joy nor grief, henceforth forever. None of all His saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives — and death is now But my entrance into glory. Courage, then, my soul, for thou Hast a crown of life before thee; Thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Confession of Faith — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements