

COLUMBIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (IN UNISON)

Leader: This day dawns brightly!

People: This day hope is restored!

Leader: This day Christ is Risen!

People: This day death is conquered!

Leader: We open our hearts and spirits to the joyous
Good News!

People: We celebrate the greatest victory of all time.

ALL: Christ is Risen! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE - # 84 NCH "*This is The Day*"

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

2. This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus Rose again; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.

3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it. This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it; this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came .

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins) (in unison)

O God, of Easter joy, this is the day that You have made. Fill it with signs of Your presence that Your spirit permeates every moment, Your grace fills each experience, and Your promises create new beginnings. May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be testimony to the power of Your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith.

**We pray in the name of the risen Christ with the ancient words taught by Jesus,
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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 25: 6-9- Dave Parmenter

⁶On this mountain the LORD hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food a feast of well – aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well – aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on n this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will

swallow up death forever. ⁸ Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 16: 1-8 – Dave Parmenter

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen they went to the tomb ³ they had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone, for us from the entrance to the tomb?"⁴ when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.⁶ But he said to them. "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement and seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERMON

Rev. MaryAnn Purtil

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

God of Grace and mercy, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. We cling to selfish ways and doubt Your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith and have mercy on our weakness. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. Amen.

SILENCE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (in unison)

This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end. We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who forgives all sins. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION - # 549 “Bless God, O My Soul”

1. When we suffer, God sends healing; when we sin, our God forgives; From the grave our God redeems us
And by grace, we rise to live!
2. With compassion God works justice when oppression
Shackles truth; Like the phoenix, God restores us
to the vigor of our youth.
3. God will not be always chilling, nor forever
angry be: God will deal with us in mercy,
not according to our sin.
4. As a parents love is endless,, so God’s mercy
follows us; For the One who framed our being
We recall that we are dust!
5. God removes all our transgressions far as east is
from the west; For the grace of God is great as
Heaven stands high above the earth!

PRESENTATION OF THE ELEMENTS

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table with the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WE RESPOND TO GOD

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY

A PROMISE OF OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

Bountiful God, in response to Your love, we make our offerings.

Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in Your sight. Amen

***DOXOLOGY**

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.

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

HYMN # 240 NCH *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

1. Jesus Christ is risen today,
Alleluia! Our triumphant holy
day, Alleluia! Who did once
upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer
to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

2. To the tomb the women
bring, Alleluia! Spices rich, an
offering, Alleluia! Asking
where Jesus might be, Alleluia!
Savior come to set us free,
Alleluia!

3. There the angel clothed in
white, Alleluia! Tells the news
with great delight, Alleluia!
This news the angel gives,
Alleluia!

That the Sovereign glorious
lives, Alleluia!

4. “Hasten now to Galilee
Alleluia! “Tell the others what
you see!” Alleluia! With
excitement trembling, Alleluia!
Off they run, good news to
bring, Alleluia!

5. Christ appears in full array,
Alleluia! Sing with joy this
Paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is
raised, Alleluia!
Holy Trinity be praised,
Alleluia!

BENEDICTION (IN UNISON)

**We have come from darkness and despair, but we go with hope and
joy, to witness the message of hope we have received this day.**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!!

Amen, Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

THE POSTLUDE

**The end of worship is the beginning of our service to God.
Go forth and serve God gladly.**