



WE GATHER
TERRIFIED, AMAZED AND HOPEFUL!
APRIL 4TH, 2021

Introduction (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

Territorial Acknowledgment: (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

Introit:

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship: (*Roni Beharry*)

We can be terrified and afraid

and still claim hope.

We believe, even when we don't understand.

We don't have enough words for what the angel messenger
proclaimed to us!

Sometimes silence isn't a bad thing. Silence creates space for
contemplation.

Though confused, we believe. Words eventually arise from
our hearts...

(contemplative silence, lights are adjusted to brighten the space)

Lighting of the Christ Candle: (*Roni Beharry*)

We are here on this Easter morning. Claiming new life in Christ.

God is with us in life, in death, today in life beyond death.

Hallelujah!

One: Christ Is Risen (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

All: Christ is Risen Indeed.

Hallelujah! Christ has overcome death!

*We celebrate and worship God on this happy
morning!*

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Will you join with me in prayer?

Opening Prayer: (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

**We are here, O God, to receive again the ways in which you
transform us. Individual lives are touched with meaning and
hope; tears are released, we are terrified, we are amazed and
hope is being restored; a tomb is empty and where words fail us,**

**Hallelujahs arise. Awaken our spirits, our hearts, our minds to
new life revealed in Jesus Christ. In the name of the Risen One,
we pray, Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" VU#155

(Elizabeth Henderson to announce)

Prayer of Confession: (*Roni Beharry*)

When despair casts a long shadow;

when tears cannot be held back;

when grief overwhelms us;

when fear overcomes us;

when we are terrified;

you amaze us.

You overturn death into life after death.

You roll away the stone from death's dark cave,

making room for first light, a new day and hopeful possibilities.

Words of Assurance: (*Roni Beharry*)

We lean by faith into the mystery of Easter hope. Hallelujah! Christ Is
Risen! Thank you God for this gift of new life. **Amen!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Preparation: (*Roni Beharry*)

God of grace,

we come today to hear the story of Easter.

Open our hearts,

that we might hear your truth anew.

Be with us on the journey that leads to life and hope. **Amen.**

*Adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual 2021, Worship Resources for Easter Sunday,
written by: Mary Petrina Boyd.*

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying through the wilderness.

All: Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.

Piano Solo: "Joy Comes With the Dawn"

performed by John Henderson

Gospel Reading: Mark 16: 1-8 (*Roni Beharry*)

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to you O Christ.

Sermon: “Terrified, Amazed and Hopeful!” (*Roni Beharry*)

Response to the Word: (*Roni Beharry*)

The shadows of night gave way to the dawn of a new day. Instead of death, we are invited to make space for new possibilities, new life, life beyond death. We trust that it has come to past, but we don't know how? We believe even though we do not fully understand. We trust God's hope. Joy eventually comes! Alleluia! **Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements:

Invitation to offer of ourselves:

Offertory Blessing: (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

Grateful for this gift, we bring our offerings,
the work of our hands.

Use our gifts to share your word of hope,
your promise of forgiveness,
and your blessings with all creation. **Amen.**

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Communion Hymn: “I Come with Joy” VU#477

vs.1, 4, 5 (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

EASTER EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: (*Roni Beharry*)

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Turn to God, the source of life.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks.

We offer joyful thanks to God.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe
to give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, “let there be light,”

And there was light.

Your light shines in our darkness.

For you the earth has brought forth
life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word,
to do your will,

and to be fulfilled in your love.

It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us

the way we need to follow

and the truth we need to know.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen, to guide,

to warn and to revive your church.

Therefore, with all your witnesses

who surround us on every side

we praise you for your creation

and proclaim with joyful hearts:

Blessed are you, Most Holy, in your Son,

who washes his disciples' feet

“I am among you,” he cries, “as one who serves”

On the night before Jesus died

Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.

Jesus broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

Do this often in remembrance me. “

After supper, Jesus took the cup and gave you thanks.

Jesus gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, this cup represents my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you, poured out for all, to forgive the sins of the world;
do this often in remembrance of me”

Therefore, with this bread and wine

we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present,

we your people remember your son.

We thank you for his cross and rising again,

we take courage in Jesus's ascension;

we look toward his coming glory

and through faith in him we give ourselves to you.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

dying, you destroyed death;

rising, you restored life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ
and we who share the cup
may draw strength from the one true vine.
Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to move toward our suffering world,
give us hope in our calling
O God, on this day we include the following persons
and places in our prayer
(*persons and places are named...*).
We pray for the fulfillment of your purposes.

Through Christ's rising from the dead you keep faith with us!

"Jesus Christ the Bread of Life"

"Jesus Christ the Cup of Blessing, poured out for all"

Post Communion Prayer:

God of infinite grace and compassion,

We thank you for feeding us at this table.

**These outward signs of inward grace, are intended to be
shared with all whom you would have us encounter.**

Help us to bear witness to the hope revealed in the Risen One.

We pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory" VU#173

Benediction: (*Roni Beharry*)

Christ is risen! **Alleluia!**

The tomb is empty.

Alleluia!

Go with joy to meet the risen Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!



Go now in peace: (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steady-fast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

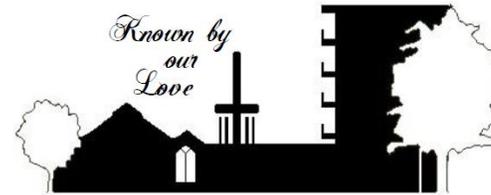
Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude



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