

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL: Glory to God, Amen.

Anthem: “Sing a Joyous Alleluia” by Linda Spevacek

New Testament: John 20: 1-18

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.

Reflection: “Confessing the Risen Lord”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Offering

Offertory:

Praise God from who all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Blessing

Communion Hymn: “All Who Hunger” Vu#460

The Eucharist *Please see the slides.*

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST’S LOVE

Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory” VU#173

Benediction:

Look for life. It’s all around!
Live for Love. Its gift abounds!
Live with hope. It’s freely given!
Celebrate the risen Christ, Christ is risen indeed!

Choral Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, 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.

WE GATHER
EASTER SUNDAY
CONFESSING THE RISEN LORD!

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement:

“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinabek people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson-Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Please see the slides.*

We revisit the place of death and we discover, to our astonishment, that the body is no longer there....

The Christ Candle is lit.

Greeting:

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship:

Look, life is here.

even when the tomb is empty.

Listen, the one who loves, is calling,

even when the memory of death is still around.

Believe, for like Mary, the promise hope is revealed in the familiar whisper of our name, by the one who loves us,

Jesus lives, and he is the source of our Easter Joy.

This is the mystery of the gift of resurrection.

It is indeed God’s gift to us. God’s faithful say,

Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer:

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith.

Raise our voices to praise,

and lift our eyes in the garden of hope.

Reveal to us your presence.

Raise us up to new life,

even as you are risen,

that, with Mary, we may proclaim to the world:

“Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed.” Amen

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Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” VU#155

Prayer of Confession

God of new life, where there is despair,

rise up in us with hope.

When we are buried in the tomb of sin,

rise up in us with mercy and grace.

Bloom forth with grace in our lives,

that we might burst forth in promise,

and live with resurrection faith

each and every day.

With Easter joy, we pray, Amen.

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Words of Assurance

Give thanks and sing,

For God’s faithful love conquers the grave,

covers us with grace, and raises us up

with new life and new beginnings.

Choral Assurance of Forgiveness:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah (x2) VU#420

Passing the Peace of Christ

Look around for signs of life! Look around for signs of joy!

Let us share these signs with one another as we pass the peace of Christ.

Children’s Hymn: “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks”

VU#179

Time of Learning Together: “The Easter Story”

The Lord’s Prayer:

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25