

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

*Prelude

Mercy Tree
Spell Chapel Ensemble

*Welcome

*Call to Worship

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: *Christ is Risen indeed!*

Minister: The tomb is now empty, and the Risen Christ is here again, calling us to something new.

People: *The air is alive with new beginnings, because Christ is alive!*

Minister: We come to celebrate His Easter victory over sin and death!

People: *O God, fill us with Your Resurrection Power and Spirit!*

All: *Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Amen.*

*Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from his hand. 'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Collect for the Day (pray in unison)

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

Lead On, O King Eternal
Chancel Bells

arr. Jason Krug

Sermon

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Al-le-lu-ia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia! Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia! Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia! Our the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise to thee by both be given, Al-le-lu-ia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Al-le-lu-ia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Al-le-lu-ia!

*Blessing of the People

*Benediction Response

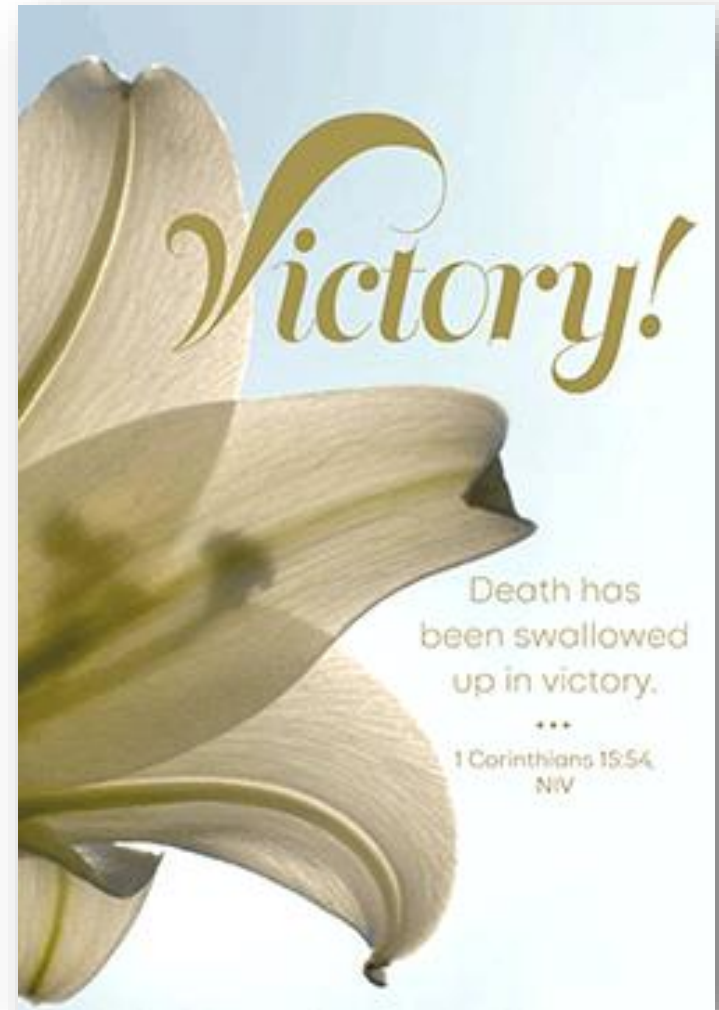
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jaye's daddy, Johnny Jones by Greg and Jaye Elliott.

WELCOME

It is Easter morning; the single most important day in the life of Christian people. We are delighted that you have chosen to begin this day with us and we welcome you in the name of the Risen Christ.



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