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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* arr. Cindy Berry

INTROIT *Christ is Risen!* Jan Sanborn
 Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet
 Christ is risen! Allelujah!
 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.
 Death has no dominion over Him.
 For in that He died, He died unto sin.
 For in that He lives, He lives unto God!
 Christ is risen! Allelujah!

CALL TO WORSHIP *Easter Acclamation* *(Repeat three times)*
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING PSALM AND PRAYER *from Psalm 118*
 O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love
 endures forever.
 **The Lord is my strength and my might; He has become my
 salvation.**
 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The
 right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
 **The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the
 Lord does valiantly.”**
 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
 **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
 through and give thanks to the Lord.**
 I thank You that You have answered me and have become my
 salvation.
 This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Glorious Lord of life, by the resurrection of Your Son You
 overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in
 Him. Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from
 the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of
 righteousness; through Him who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Gracious Father, You sent Your son to die and rise to new life
in order that death might be brought to an end and that we
might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often
have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways
that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we
have scorned Your love, diminished the lives of others, and
defaced Your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake,
and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for
ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *(Hymn 581)*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. A—men. A—men.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

*ANTHEM *Lift High the Cross* Sir Sidney H Nicholson
 Chancel Choir arr. Carl Schalk

 Refrain: Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.
 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
 Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *(Refrain)*
 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
 The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*
 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him Who died. *(Refrain)*
 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
 As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *(Refrain)*
 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *(Refrain)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #
 Almighty, Eternal, and Victorious God; You give strength to
 those who believe and hope to those who doubt; as we heard
 Your Word read and proclaimed, may we see the hope and
 strength of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON # *John 20:11-18*
 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she
 bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in
 white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at
 the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman,
 why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken
 away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid
 Him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw
 Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was
 Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?
 Whom are you looking for?" Supposing Him to be the garden-
 er, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell
 me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus
 said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew,
 "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do
 not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the
 Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascend-
 ing to My Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "
 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have
 seen the Lord"; and she told them that He had said these things
 to her.

THE SECOND LESSON # *John 20:26-28*
 A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas
 was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and
 stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to
 Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your
 hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas
 answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

THE THIRD LESSON # *John 21:15-17*
 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
 "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to
 Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him,
 "Feed My lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of
 John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know
 that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to
 him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" Peter
 felt hurt because He said to him the third time, "Do you love
 Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You
 know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Blessed Assurance* F.J. Crosby,
 Brass Quintet arr. P.P. Knapp
 Juan Carlos Duarte, Jr. - Tuba, Israel Gonzalez - Trumpet 1,
 Christopher Robert Herrera - Trumpet 2, and Hugo Salazar - Trombone

CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Doughton
 The children and youth are invited to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 236 *The Strife Is O’er*

SERMON *And They Met Jesus* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION 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 Ghost, 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 on 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
 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
 everlasting. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
**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 debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
 Brass Quartet

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †