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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.

All speak words in **boldface**.)

## CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

### Gathering Music, Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Passing the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### Called to Worship

*(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence.)*

Ringling of the Trinity

"Thine Is the Glory"

arr. Brian Childers

Handbell Choir (11:00 AM)

#### Opening Sentences & Prayer *(adapted from Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)*

Ed Carter, liturgist

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.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

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!**

**\*Hymn #232**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

*(Verses 1-3)*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty Lord, you have raised Jesus Christ to be Lord of all; yet we confess how we ignore your commission to proclaim the Good News of your redeeming love to the world. We remain silent in the face of injustice; we remain complacent while others suffer. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Let your living presence be known. May the promise of the empty tomb raise us to new life, so we may follow you faithfully to the ends of the earth.**

## Silent Prayer

### \*Congregational Response

#232, v. 4, “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

# TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

**First Scripture Reading** ▪ Acts 10:34-43

## Children's Moment

**Anthem** ▪ "The Wondrous News"

arr. by Gerard Chuiusano

Chancel Choir

*Go, people of God, and tell of the wondrous news. Christ, risen in glory, now lives again. Go into the world and shout from the highest hill: Death never can hold us. God's love has won the day. Be home for pilgrim feet and shelter for the lost. The kingdom of God is waiting now within our hearts. Be food for hungry hearts and drink for those who thirst. The reign of the Savior, Jesus Christ, is close at hand. Go, people of God, and tell of the wondrous news. Christ, risen in glory, now lives again. Go into the world and shout from the highest hill: Death never can hold us. God's love has won the day. Be friend for those who mourn and strength for those who fall. The dark of the night is passed and gone in Christ the Lord. Be light for those who seek and rest for those who toil. The joy that the Lord has promised us will be complete. Go, people of God, and tell of the wondrous news. Christ, risen in glory, now lives again. Go into the world and shout from the highest hill: Death never can hold us. God's love has won the day.*

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## Prayer of Illumination

**Second Scripture Reading** ▪ Matthew 28:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

“Undisputed”  
Rev. George W. Chapman III

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

**\*Affirmation of Faith** ▪ The Apostle’s Creed hymnal p. 35

## Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Communion of the People

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Chancel Choir

Donal Fishel

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

hymnal p. 35

## Offering

\*Sung Response ▪ “How Can Any Praise We Offer”

HYMN TO JOY

How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—gifts of love we can bestow.  
As you gave yourself to others, may we, Lord, to others give.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing.

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

\***Hymn**

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*(Congregation sings verses 1, 2, 4, & 6; Choir sings verse 3)*

\***Charge & Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** ▪ “The Wondrous News”

**Sending Music**

