



**Order of Worship for the
Season of Easter, Year B**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”** **GTG #245**

Prayer of the Day

Resurrecting God, we sing to the earth a new song: one of new life, one of new beginnings, one of new creation. The stone has been rolled away, leaving bare our perceptions of what is possible and impossible. As it turns out, nothing is impossible for you! Descend upon us, O God, as we worship you this day, that we might ascend to new heights and proclaim from on high the great and wonderful news: Death no longer has the last word! The world has been turned upside down! The lives of your people have been changed forever! And a new message rises: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: God is our strength, our song, our salvation.

People: **And so we sing, we shout, we share stories of might and**

mercy,

Leader: that God did not let death lay its hands on us.

People: And so we pray, we praise, “Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Leader: The stone that the builders tossed aside has now become the most important stone. The Lord has done this, and we marvel.

People: And so this day belongs to the Lord! Let us celebrate!

Opening Hymn “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” GTG #248

CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We discover the stone rolled away. We see the tomb is empty.
We hear that you are risen.

People: But we do not believe.

Leader: We race to tell the story. We walk and you stand beside us.
Our eyes are opened.

People: But we do not believe.

Leader: We hear you explain it all to us. We break bread with you.
We are blessed.

People: But we do not believe. O Lord, help our unbelief!

Leader: Forgive our stubbornness. Forgive our emptiness. Forgive our faithlessness.

People: Help our unbelief!

Leader: Open our mouths to speak. Open our ears to listen. Open our minds to comprehend.

People: Help our unbelief!

Leader: Empower us to preach. Enable us to practice. Call upon us to serve.

People: Help our unbelief! The grave is silent. A new creation has taken hold. Thanks be to God! Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Word & Wonder for All Ages

***Song of Praise**

“Thine is the Glory”

GTG #238

WORD & SACRAMENT

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Katie Barrett Todd

Affirmation of Faith

from A Declaration of Faith, 10.3

In the death of Jesus Christ God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death. Death often seems to prove that

life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING & OFFERING

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debt as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory "We Walk By Faith & Not By Sight" GTG #817

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" GTG #608

Prayer of Dedication

God, receive now our offering which is just a portion of the blessings you have given to us. Use these gifts, and use each one of us as a living offering to you, for your glory and for your work of healing and wholeness in our world, our campus, in our congregations, in our homes, and wherever you send us to go or need us to be. Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Hymn** “Go to the World” GTG #295
Charge & Benediction

Postlude “Lift High the Cross” GTG #826

Notes:

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